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A LONE SHOE ON A
HIGHWAY...
WHAT
DOES
IT MEAN?

BE AN EYEWITNESS
TO THE MOST DARING
POLICE ACTION IN A
STATE'S HISTORY!

IT'S ALL
HERE!

SHHHH!

DID YOU
LEAVE THIS
DOOR OPEN?

NO! SOME-
BODY MUST BE
IN THERE!

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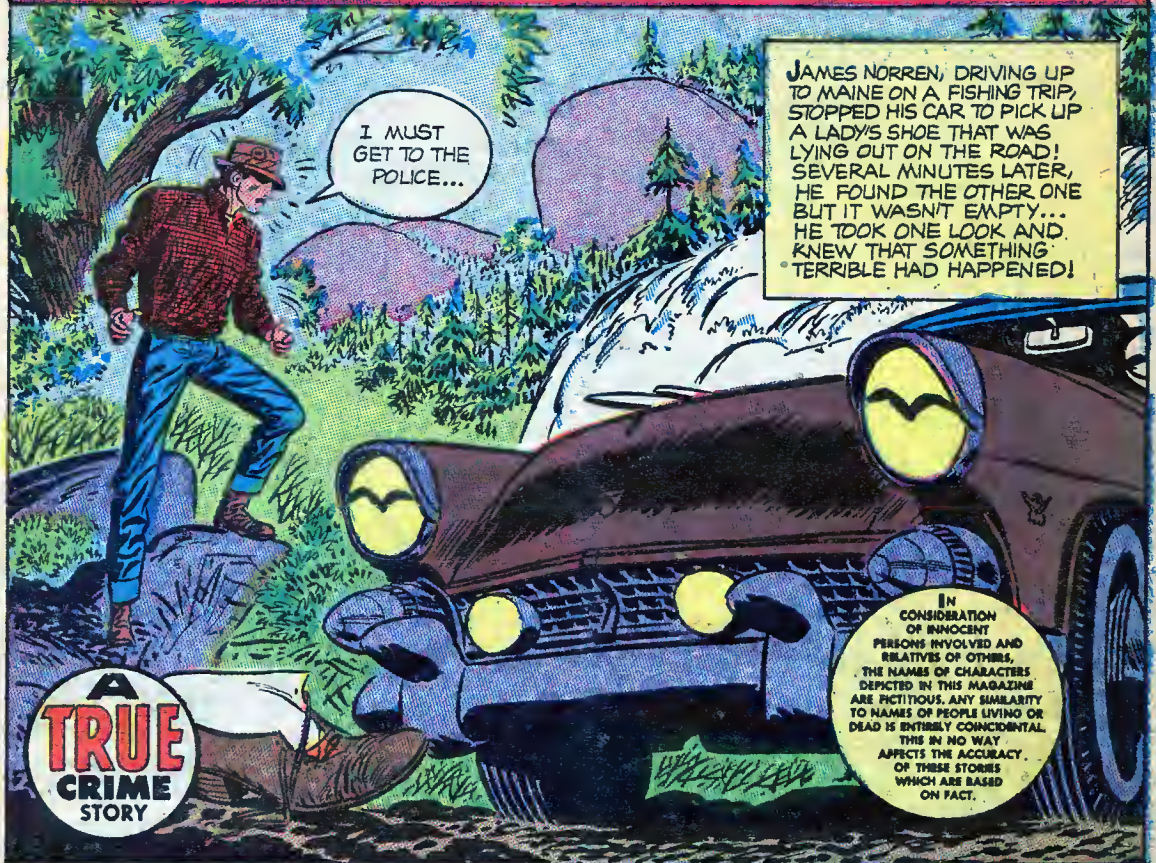
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HITCHHIKE to DOOM

VITAL CLUES CAN SOMETIMES COME TO A DETECTIVE IN ODD WAYS, EVEN FLOATING DOWN A RIVER!



JANE ELLIS WAS A SPINSTER WHO LIVED ON A NEW ENGLAND FARM WITH HER SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW! EVERY TWO WEEKS, SHE VISITED HER OTHER SISTER IN BOSTON, AND DID SOME SHOPPING! THAT WAS HER ONLY RELIEF FROM DAILY MONOTONY...

WELL, I GUESS I'LL GO TO BED! I'LL BE GETTING UP EARLY TOMORROW BEFORE YOU'RE AWAKE, SO IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT LET ME KNOW NOW!

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T GO UNTIL JIM GETS BACK, JANE! YOU KNOW HOW I HATE BEING IN THE HOUSE ALONE!



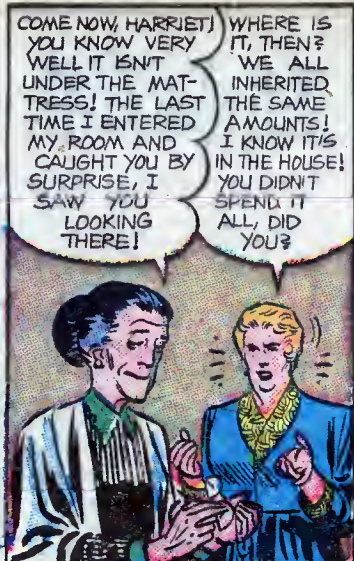
THAT'S A SILLY, CHILDISH FEAR, HARRIET...AND IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STOPPED PAMPERING YOURSELF! WHERE'S SPOT'S LEASH? I'M TAKING HIM WITH ME SO THE VET CAN LOOK AT HIS FOOT! HE'S STILL LIMPING!





VERY WELL, I'LL TAKE HIM NEXT TIME!

YOU'RE THE CAUSE OF MY FEAR! IF YOU'D KEEP YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK INSTEAD OF HIDING IT UNDER THE MATTRESS AND PLACES, I WOULDN'T BE SO FRETFUL!



COME NOW, HARRIET! YOU KNOW VERY WELL IT ISN'T UNDER THE MATTRESS! THE LAST TIME I ENTERED MY ROOM AND CAUGHT YOU BY SURPRISE, I SAW YOU LOOKING THERE!

WHERE IS IT, THEN? WE ALL INHERITED THE SAME AMOUNTS! I KNOW IT'S IN THE HOUSE! YOU DIDN'T SPEND IT ALL, DID YOU?



NEVER FEAR... I'M NOT LIKE YOU AND JIM! LIVING HIGH AND FANCY TILL YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CENT AND HAD TO COME HOME! IT'S IN A SAFE PLACE... BUT YOU MAY AS WELL STOP LOOKING, BECAUSE YOU WON'T FIND IT! YOU WON'T GET A PENNY OF IT TILL I'M DEAD... AND MAYBE NOT EVEN THEN!

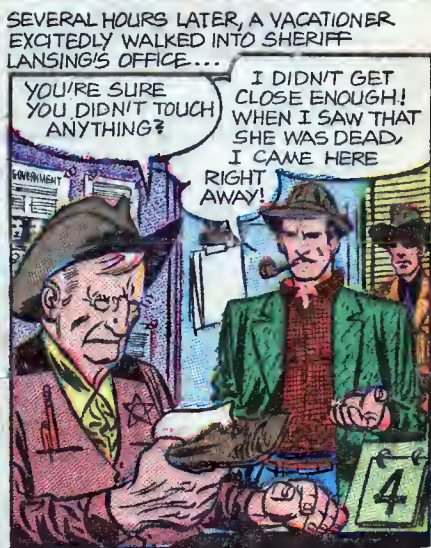
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHO ELSE HAVE YOU GOT TO LEAVE IT TO, EXCEPT JIM AND ME?



YOU'D BE SURPRISED! GOOD NIGHT, HARRIET!



THE NEXT MORNING, AT SIX THIRTY, A NEIGHBORING FARMER SAW JANE ELLIS TAKING A SHORT CUT THROUGH THE FIELDS TO THE HIGHWAY! THAT WAS THE LAST TIME SHE WAS SEEN ALIVE!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER, A VACATIONER EXCITEDLY WALKED INTO SHERIFF LANSING'S OFFICE...

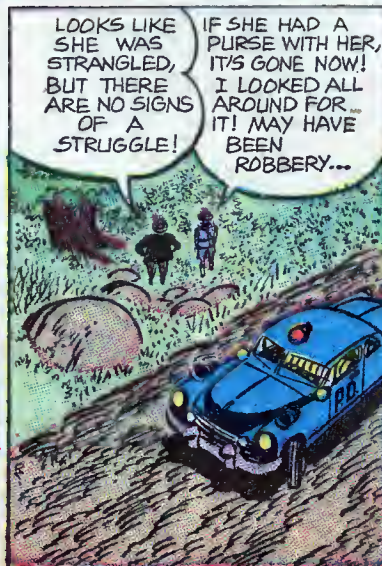
YOU'RE SURE YOU DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING?

I DIDN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH! WHEN I SAW THAT SHE WAS DEAD, I CAME HERE RIGHT AWAY!



I SEE! I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO DETAIN YOU FOR A WHILE, MR. NORREN! WE'LL WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS LATER ON! JACK HERE WILL KEEP YOU COMPANY! WHILE TED AND I RIDE OUT THERE!

YES, SIR... I UNDERSTAND! I'LL BE GLAD TO WAIT!



LOOKS LIKE SHE WAS STRANGLED, BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE!

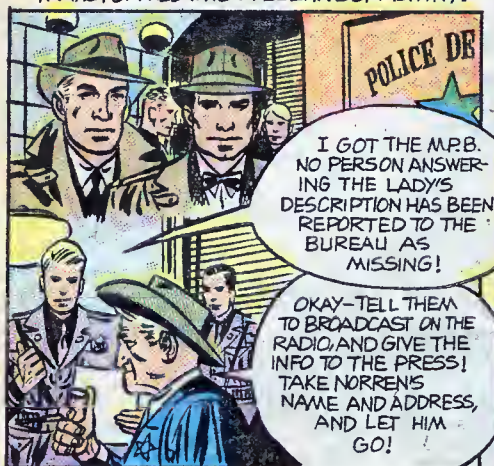
IF SHE HAD A PURSE WITH HER, IT'S GONE NOW! I LOOKED ALL AROUND FOR IT! MAY HAVE BEEN BEEN ROBBERY...



YOU STAY HERE, JACK! I'LL GET HER DESCRIPTION DOWN AND CALL BOSTON HOMICIDE IN ON THIS RIGHT AWAY!

YES, SIR!

THE SHERIFF ASKED FOR HELP AND DETECTIVES ART BRODY AND BERNIE: SHALLOP OF HOMICIDE WERE IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION! WITHIN AN HOUR, THE SLEEPY COUNTY WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY!

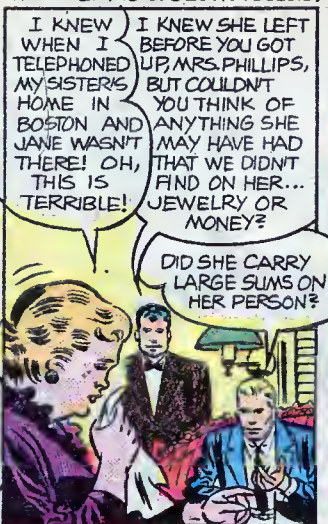


POLICE DE

I GOT THE M.P.B. NO PERSON ANSWERING THE LADY'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE BUREAU AS MISSING!

OKAY—TELL THEM TO BROADCAST ON THE RADIO, AND GIVE THE INFO TO THE PRESS! TAKE NORREN'S NAME AND ADDRESS, AND LET HIM GO!

THE DAY WAS FRUITLESS BUT THE EVENING BROUGHT RESULTS!



I KNEW WHEN I TELEPHONED MY SISTERS HOME IN BOSTON AND JANE WASN'T THERE! OH, THIS IS TERRIBLE!

I KNEW SHE LEFT BEFORE YOU GOT UP, MRS. PHILLIPS, BUT COULDN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING SHE MAY HAVE HAD THAT WE DIDN'T FIND ON HER... JEWELRY OR MONEY?

DID SHE CARRY LARGE SUMS ON HER PERSON?

MY SISTER DIDN'T WEAR JEWELRY, BUT I KNOW SHE HAD A LARGE YELLOW STRING BAG WITH HER! SHE ALWAYS TOOK IT TO BOSTON WITH HER TO CARRY PACKAGES! MY SISTER WILLIE KNITTED IT FOR HER!



I SEE... THEN SHE DID HAVE MONEY WITH HER!

YES, BUT I'M SURE IT WASN'T MUCH! SHE WAS VERY ER... CAUTIOUS ABOUT SPENDING MONEY! SHE HOARDED IT IN THE HOUSE! WOULDN'T TRUST A BANK WITH IT! I'VE LOOKED FOR IT EVERYWHERE, BUT I CAN'T FIND IT!



DID ANYBODY ELSE KNOW SHE KEPT HER MONEY HERE?

JUST ME AND MY HUSBAND! BUT I WAS ALWAYS AFRAID SOMEBODY WOULD FIND OUT!



MAYBE SOMEBODY DID!

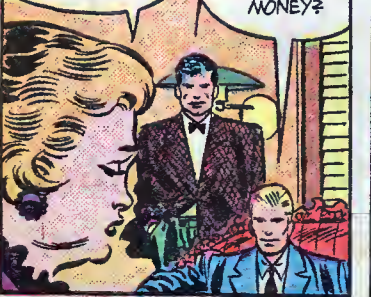
WHERE'S YOUR HUSBAND NOW, MRS. PHILLIPS?

HE'S BEEN GONE A FEW DAYS ON A BUSINESS TRIP! HE SHOULD BE BACK BY THE END OF THE WEEK!



I SEE! TELL ME, MRS. PHILLIPS... YOUR SISTER WAS FOUND NEAR THE HIGHWAY! THE BUS DOESN'T RUN THERE, SO WE ASSUME SHE WAS DRIVING! DO YOU KNOW THE LICENSE NUMBER OF HER CAR?

CAR? JANE DIDN'T HAVE A CAR! SHE WASN'T THAT EXTRAVAGANT! SHE USED TO GET A RIDE IN ONE OF THE DELIVERY TRUCKS THAT CAME THROUGH HERE! THEY'D DRIVE HER TO TOWN! SHE'D BEEN DOING THAT FOR YEARS!



YOU MEAN HITCHHIKING? ISN'T THAT RATHER UNUSUAL?

I'LL SAY IT IS! FOR A WOMAN LIKE HER! DID SHE DO THAT TO SAVE MONEY?

OH, NO! SHE WAS STINGY, BUT NOT THAT STINGY! SHE ALWAYS INSISTED ON PAYING THE DRIVERS A FEE! SHE NEVER RODE IN A PRIVATE CAR! SHE ALWAYS PICKED A TRUCK THAT HAD THE NAME OF A RELIABLE COMPANY ON IT, AND CHECKED THE DRIVER'S CREDENTIALS!



WELL, I GUESS THAT'LL BE ALL, MRS. PHILLIPS! THANK YOU, AND NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, MR. SHALLOP AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND! THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING AMONG HER POSSESSIONS THAT WOULD HELP US!

SHE GOT A LETTER FROM A MAN THE OTHER DAY... HAVEN'T READ IT, BUT IT'S IN HER ROOM!



THE NEXT DAY...

BERNIE, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT HARRIET'S HUSBAND HAS A GOOD ALIBI TO EXPLAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS THE LAST FEW DAYS! HE AND HIS WIFE SURE COULD HAVE USED MISS ELLIS' MONEY! ACCORDING TO LOCAL GOSSIP, HE'S IN HOCK UP TO HIS EARS!

UH, HUH, AND IN THE MEAN-TIME, ART, I'LL HAVE DETECTIVE GATES CHECK ON THIS LETTER SHE GOT FROM THAT TRUCK DRIVER IN BOSTON! SOUNDS LIKE A PROMISING LEAD!



A CALL CAME IN FROM KINNROCK LODGE UP IN MAINE! THEY FOUND PHILLIPS! DETECTIVE LAND IS ON THE WIRE!

HERE, GIVE IT TO ME!



YES...THIS IS BERNIE! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT? YES, GO ON... OH, HE DID, EH? WELL, THAT DOES IT! SEE YOU LATER! YES, I'LL TALK TO HIM WHEN HE GETS HERE! OKAY, BOY... THANKS!



OUR NUMBER ONE SUSPECT IS IN THE CLEAR! THE CORONER'S REPORT ESTABLISHED TIME OF DEATH BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT YESTERDAY MORNING, AND PHILLIPS WAS DEFINITELY PLAYING GOLF AT THE TIME! GOT RELIABLE WITNESSES TO PROVE IT!

I'M GLAD FOR HIS SAKE! SUMMS, GET ME DETECTIVE GATES ON THE PHONE AND HAVE HIM QUIZ THAT DRIVER!



LATER IN BOSTON ...

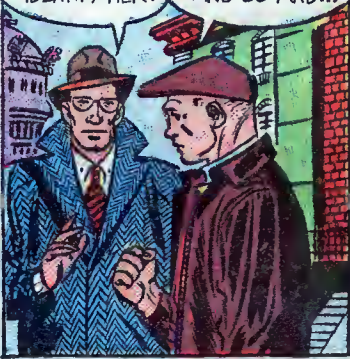
MR. WALLACE? I'M DETECTIVE GATES! I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS! YOU KNEW JANE ELLIS, DIDN'T YOU?

SURE, I KNEW HER! SO WHAT?



WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING WHEN WE PUBLISHED HER DESCRIPTION AND ASKED FOR ANYBODY WHO KNEW HER TO IDENTIFY HER?

WHAT FOR? TO STICK MY NECK OUT? I DON'T KNOW WHO KILLED HER! BELIEVE ME, IF I DID, I'D GET THE DIRTY SO AND SO AND...



YOU CAN CUT THE DRAMATICS! WE FOUND A LETTER IN HER ROOM THAT YOU WROTE, SAYING YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE HER A LIFT TO BOSTON ON THE DAY SHE WAS KILLED! HOW WELL DID YOU KNOW HER?

HEY—WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO? I GOT A WIFE AND TWO KIDS! I PICKED HER UP A COUPLE OF TIMES WHEN HER TOWN WAS ON MY SCHEDULE, BUT THAT'S ALL!



BUT YOU DIDN'T PICK HER UP ON THE DAY SHE WAS KILLED?

NO, SIR! SHE ASKED ME TO, BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKING HER DOG TO THE VET, AND SHE THOUGHT SHE'D HAVE TROUBLE GETTING A LIFT WITH A STRANGE DRIVER! THAT WAS LAST WEEK WHEN I DROVE HER IN! I SAID I'D DO IT, IF MY SCHEDULE WORKED OUT!



WHEN YOU WROTE TO HER THE OTHER DAY, YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD MAKE IT! WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND? OR DIDN'T YOU?

MY BOSS CHANGED MY ORDERS THE LAST MINUTE, AND I WENT TO NEW YORK! YOU CAN CHECK WITH HIM! IT'S ALL ON THE BOOKS!



LATER... BERNIE, GATES CALLED... WALLACE IS IN THE CLEAR! I TOLD HEADQUARTERS TO START CHECKING ON EVERY OTHER DRIVER THAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN HAULING FREIGHT IN THIS AREA AT THE TIME OF THE KILLING!

THERE MAY BE HUNDREDS OF THEM! IF WE ONLY HAD SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE TO GO ON! THAT BAG SHE WAS CARRYING MIGHT TELL US A LOT IF WE COULD FIND IT! MAYBE IT'S WORTH LOOKING FOR SOME MORE!

FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE POLICE SEARCHED RELENTLESSLY FOR THE MISSING YELLOW STRING BAG...

NO LUCK AGAIN TODAY! MIGHT AS WELL GIVE THE MEN A REST! LOOKS LIKE RAIN, TOO...

MAYBE THE KILLER KEPT IT, OR... SAY, WAIT A MINUTE! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?

THEN... YOU'RE JANE ELLIS' SISTER, MILLIE, AREN'T YOU? I'M DETECTIVE BRODY! MAY I COME IN? THIS IS MY PARTNER DETECTIVE SHALLOP!

WHY, YES... OF COURSE!

I UNDERSTAND YOU KNITTED THE BAG YOUR SISTER WAS CARRYING! COULD YOU KNIT ANOTHER ONE EXACTLY LIKE IT?

IF WE HAD A COPY, WE COULD PHOTOGRAPH IT AND PRINT IT IN THE PAPERS! SOMEONE MAY RECOGNIZE IT AND BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION!

I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO HELP TRAP JANE'S KILLER! I'LL WORK ON IT TONIGHT! YOU CAN PICK IT UP IN THE MORNING!

THE PHOTOGRAPH BROUGHT RESULTS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY...

HE FOUND IT FLOATING ON THE EDGE OF WESTVIEW LAKE ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM HERE! THAT WAS YESTERDAY! HE GAVE IT TO A NEIGHBOR OF OURS!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT... WE'LL FIND IT! LET'S GO!

HERE YOU ARE, SIR! NOW I'M SORRY I WASHED IT!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, MA'AM! WE'LL SEND IT TO THE LAB ANYWAY!

AND NOW SONNY, WOULD YOU COME ALONG WITH US AND SHOW US EXACTLY WHERE YOU PICKED IT UP?

THIS IS THE PLACE, SIR!

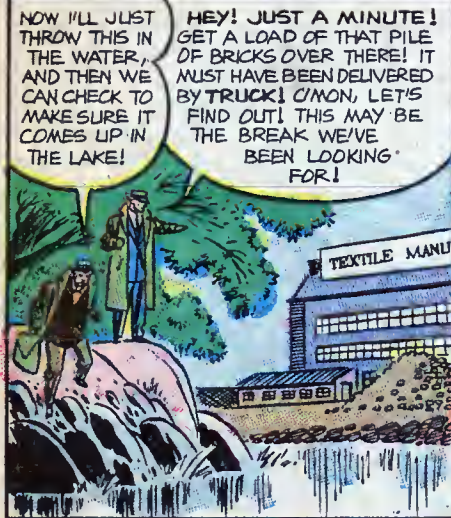
IT JUST DOESN'T FIGURE! THIS LAKE IS AT LEAST FIVE MILES FROM THE HIGHWAY! WHY WOULD THE KILLER GO SO FAR OUT OF HIS WAY? AND TO GET HERE FROM THE MAIN ROAD, HE'D HAVE TO DRIVE THROUGH THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND CLIMB OVER THAT SEVEN FOOT WALL!

MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER ROAD THAT WOULD BRING HIM OVER TO THIS SIDE!

NOT FROM THE HIGHWAY THERE ISN'T! COME ON, I WANT TO TALK TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN! MAYBE THERE'S A SHORT-CUT OR MAYBE A STREAM SOMEWHERE THAT EMPTIES INTO THE LAKE!

THE NEXT STOP... SURE... I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN, WE USED TO THROW THINGS INTO THE OLD MILL STREAM AND THEN RUN OVER TO THE LAKE TO WATCH THEM COME UP A FEW HOURS LATER! THERE'S A TEXTILE MILL UP THERE!

SHALLOW AND BRODY SPED TO THE STREAM...



NOW I'LL JUST THROW THIS IN THE WATER, AND THEN WE CAN CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT COMES UP IN THE LAKE!

HEY! JUST A MINUTE! GET A LOAD OF THAT PILE OF BRICKS OVER THERE! IT MUST HAVE BEEN DELIVERED BY TRUCK! O'MON, LET'S FIND OUT! THIS MAY BE THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

INSIDE THE FACTORY...



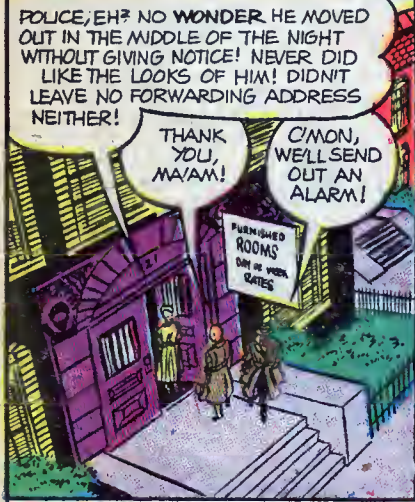
YES, HERE IT IS! THOSE BRICKS WERE DELIVERED HERE BY THE RAWLING'S TRUCKING COMPANY ON THE 29TH...

THE DAY OF THE MURDER! C'MON-LET'S GO!

THE NAME OF THE DRIVER THAT MADE THE DELIVERY IS JACK CLAYTON... BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T FIND HIM ANY PLACE AROUND HERE, OFFICERS! HE QUIT LAST WEEK! I HAVE HIS HOME ADDRESS! YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REACH HIM THERE...



AT CLAYTON'S BOARDING HOUSE ADDRESS...

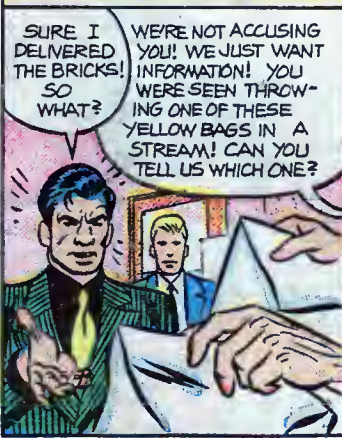


POLICE, EH? NO WONDER HE MOVED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE! NEVER DID LIKE THE LOOKS OF HIM! DIDN'T LEAVE NO FORWARDING ADDRESS NEITHER!

THANK YOU, MA'AM!

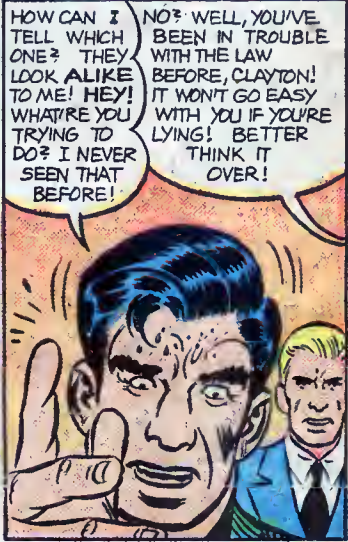
C'MON, WE'LL SEND OUT AN ALARM!

CLAYTON WAS PICKED UP A WEEK LATER IN FLORIDA... WHERE HE HAD BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY! AT FIRST HE DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING...



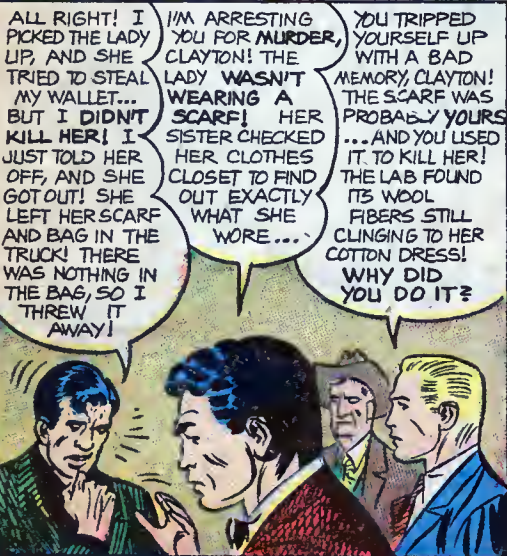
SURE I DELIVERED THE BRICKS! SO WHAT?

WE'RE NOT ACCUSING YOU! WE JUST WANT INFORMATION! YOU WERE SEEN THROWING ONE OF THESE YELLOW BAGS IN A STREAM! CAN YOU TELL US WHICH ONE?



HOW CAN I TELL WHICH ONE? THEY LOOK ALIKE TO ME! HEY! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO? I NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE!

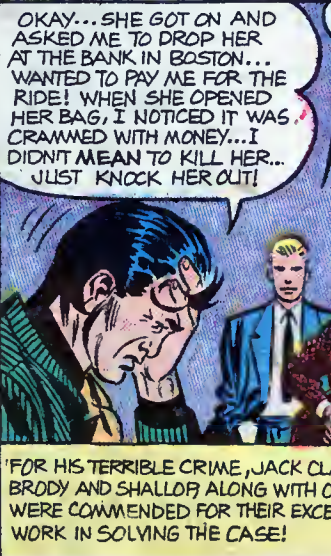
NO? WELL, YOU'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW BEFORE, CLAYTON! IT WON'T GO EASY WITH YOU IF YOU'RE LYING! BETTER THINK IT OVER!



ALL RIGHT! I PICKED THE LADY UP, AND SHE TRIED TO STEAL MY WALLET... BUT I DIDN'T KILL HER! I JUST TOLD HER OFF, AND SHE GOT OUT! SHE LEFT HER SCARF AND BAG IN THE TRUCK! THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE BAG, SO I THREW IT AWAY!

I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR MURDER, CLAYTON! THE LADY WASN'T WEARING A SCARF! HER SISTER CHECKED HER CLOSET TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT SHE WORE...

YOU TRIPPED YOURSELF UP WITH A BAD MEMORY, CLAYTON! THE SCARF WAS PROBABLY YOURS... AND YOU USED IT TO KILL HER! THE LAB FOUND ITS WOOL FIBERS STILL CLINGING TO HER COTTON DRESS! WHY DID YOU DO IT?



OKAY... SHE GOT ON AND ASKED ME TO DROP HER AT THE BANK IN BOSTON... WANTED TO PAY ME FOR THE RIDE! WHEN SHE OPENED HER BAG, I NOTICED IT WAS CRAMMED WITH MONEY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HER... JUST KNOCK HER OUT!

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY...

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, JANE ELLIS FINALLY DECIDED TO PUT HER MONEY IN THE BANK! BUT SHE PICKED THE WRONG DAY AND THE WRONG TRANSPORTATION!

FOR HIS TERRIBLE CRIME, JACK CLAYTON PAID WITH HIS LIFE! BRODY AND SHALLOW ALONG WITH OTHERS WHO HAD ASSISTED WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR EXCELLENT AND PAINSTAKING WORK IN SOLVING THE CASE!

THE END

A MILLION *IS* TOO MUCH

EVEN A BIG OPERATOR KNOWS WHEN HE'S BITTEN OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW!

MAYBE YOU'VE READ ABOUT THIS CASE! IT WAS FAMOUS, NOT FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED, BUT FOR THE MAGNIFICENT JUDGMENT AND DARING OF A LAW OFFICER! MONEY WAS ROBBED, AND WITH IT, THE ROBBERS MADE THEIR FIRST PAYMENT ON A ONE WAY TRAIN TICKET TO THE BIG HOUSE....

THIS IS IT, SHERIFF! THE MONEY'S ALL IN HERE!

THEY'RE COMING UPSTAIRS!... CORRECTION! THEY'RE HERE!

COME IN— COME RIGHT IN!

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I'VE OFTEN WONDERED ABOUT THIS PLASTER CAST OF A TIRE MARK, INSPECTOR! WAS IT USED TO SOLVE A CRIME?

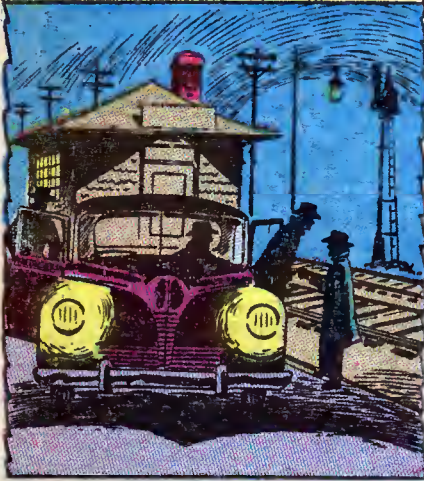
THAT'S RIGHT, SON! THAT'S THE CLUE THAT HELPED ME TO SOLVE A MILLION DOLLAR TRAIN ROBBERY IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

SOLVING TRAIN ROBBERIES? I THOUGHT THAT BELONGED TO THE DAYS OF JESSE JAMES!

NOT THIS ONE! IT HAPPENED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, RIGHT IN OUR RAILROAD STATION! THE FIRST ANYBODY KNEW ABOUT IT WAS WHEN, AFTER A HEAVY RAIN... FOUR MEN STEPPED OUT OF A BLACK SEDAN...



THE ELEVEN THIRTY-TWO EXPRESS WAS FIVE MINUTES LATE. IT NEVER STOPPED IN THIS SMALL CITY... THAT IS UNTIL THIS NIGHT! THE FOUR STRANGERS ENTERED THE SMALL STATION AND BARKED A COMMAND TO THE STATION MASTER...



YOU! THROW THE SWITCH THAT TAKES THE EXPRESS OFF THE MAIN TRACK AND MAKE IT STOP AT THIS STATION, OR YOU'LL BE UNDER IT!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, BUT I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING... UP THE RIVER!



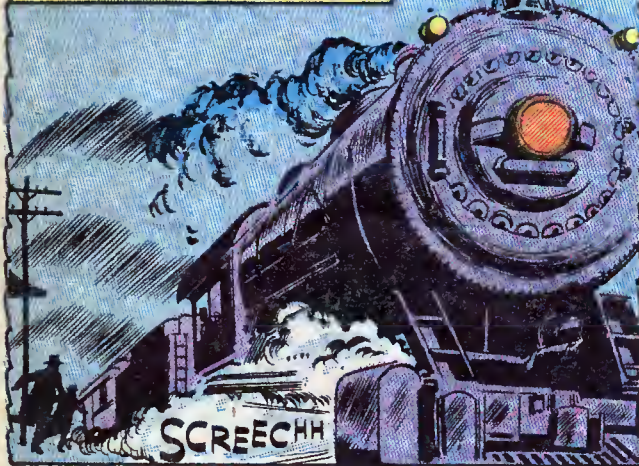
A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOHN? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SOME CRAZY FOOL THREW THE MAIN SWITCH! HANG ON—I'M SLAMMING THE BRAKES ON FULL!



BEFORE ANYONE HAD A CHANCE TO GET OFF, THE FOUR MYSTERIOUS MEN RACED FOR THE ENGINE...



IN A FEW SECONDS JOHN LANE AND SAM KUHN, THE ENGINEERS WERE FACING PISTOLS!

DO AS THEY SAY, JOHN!

JUST KEEP YOUR MITTS IN THE AIR, AND YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!



MEANWHILE...

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE LOOT'S IN HERE?

BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE PHIL SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE!

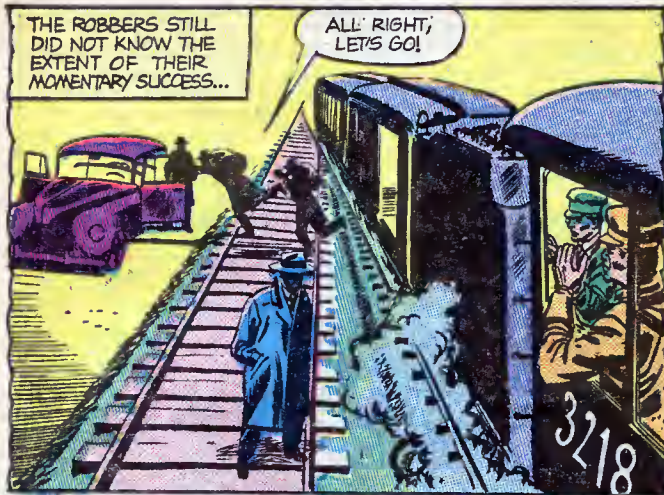
WHAT TH...?



METHODICALLY THE ROBBERS UNLOADED THE MAIL BAGS, HOLDING THE MAIL GUARD AT GUN POINT!

MOVE FAST! IF ANYBODY SEES THIS TRAIN STOPPED HERE, THEY'RE GONNA KNOW SOMETHING'S FISHY!





THE ROBBERS STILL DID NOT KNOW THE EXTENT OF THEIR MOMENTARY SUCCESS...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!



THEIR CAR'S BLACK AND BIG... BUT I CAN'T SEE MUCH ELSE! TOO FAR TO PICK UP THE LICENSE PLATE...

THERE WAS OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN THAT MAIL CAR! I'LL PHONE THE POSTAL INSPECTOR!



WOW! THERE MUST BE OVER TEN THOUSAND BUCKS!

THOSE ARE FIFTIES AND HUNDREDS, YOU MORON! THERE'S OVER A MILLION!

HEY! THAT SCARES ME! THAT'LL BRING TOO MUCH HEAT ON US!



MEANWHILE, I'D GOTTEN THE CALL FROM THE STATION! I WAS THERE IN TEN MINUTES, AND IMMEDIATELY THEY STARTED POURING OUT THEIR STORIES...

THEY HELD GUNS ON ME AND TIED ME UP BEFORE THE EXPRESS WAS DUE! I COULDN'T DO A THING!

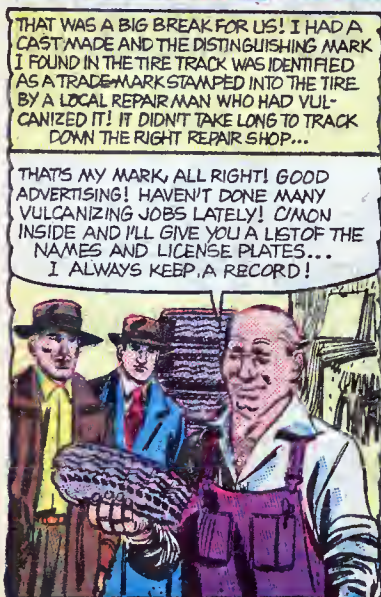
THEY HAD A BIG CAR WAITING! TOO DARK TO SEE MUCH!

ROAD'S STILL MUDDY FROM THE RAIN! LET'S HAVE A LOOK!



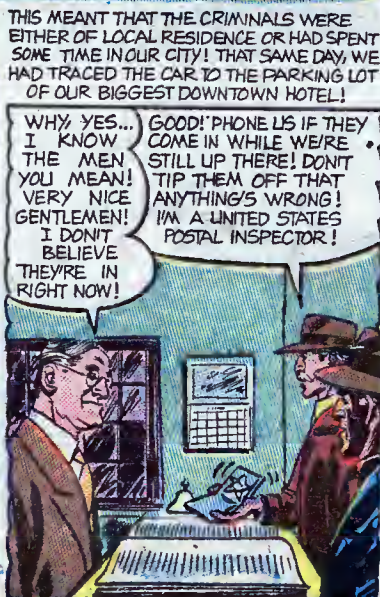
THEY MUST'VE HAD EVERYTHING WORKED OUT! THEY MUST BE PLENTY SMART!

IF THEY WERE SMART, THEY'D BE WORKING FOR A LIVING! WHAT'S THIS? LOOKS LIKE THEY LEFT US A PRESENT!



THAT WAS A BIG BREAK FOR US! I HAD A CAST-MADE AND THE DISTINGUISHING MARK I FOUND IN THE TIRE TRACK WAS IDENTIFIED AS A TRADE-MARK STAMPED INTO THE TIRE BY A LOCAL REPAIR MAN WHO HAD VULCANIZED IT! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO TRACK DOWN THE RIGHT REPAIR SHOP...

THAT'S MY MARK, ALL RIGHT! GOOD ADVERTISING! HAVEN'T DONE MANY VULCANIZING JOBS LATELY! O'MON INSIDE AND I'LL GIVE YOU A LIST OF THE NAMES AND LICENSE PLATES... I ALWAYS KEEP A RECORD!



WHY, YES... I KNOW THE MEN YOU MEAN! VERY NICE GENTLEMEN! I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE IN RIGHT NOW!

GOOD! PHONE US IF THEY COME IN WHILE WE'RE STILL UP THERE! DON'T TIP THEM OFF THAT ANYTHING'S WRONG! I'M A UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTOR!



WHEWW! WE'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE, ALL RIGHT! THIS CLOSET LOOKS LIKE FORT KNOX!

GET THE PHONE! THAT MUST BE OUR BOYS NOW! DON'T USE YOUR GUNS UNLESS YOU HAVE TO!



THOSE FOUR YOU'RE AFTER ARE ON THEIR WAY UP NOW, SIR!

YES, I KNOW! THEY'RE IN THE SUITE NOW— THANKS!

GET READY, MEN! THEY'RE COMING INTO THIS ROOM!



DON'T REACH FOR YOUR GUNS!

HANDS UP, YOU! THE SHOW'S OVER!

THE LAW! DON'T LET 'EM TAKE YOU! SHOOT IT OUT!



YOU CAN IF YOU WANT TO, BUT I'M NOT SHOOTING IT OUT WITH THE LAW!

OKAY, THEN RUN!



THEY'RE ASKING FOR IT!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! THERE ARE A LOT OF GUESTS COMING OUT OF THEIR ROOMS! YOU MIGHT HIT ONE! PAT AND ED WILL PICK THEM OFF DOWNSTAIRS IF WE DON'T!



BEST FORWARD PASS I EVER THREW! COME ON, NED, LET'S DROP 'EM ON THEIR ONE YARD LINE!



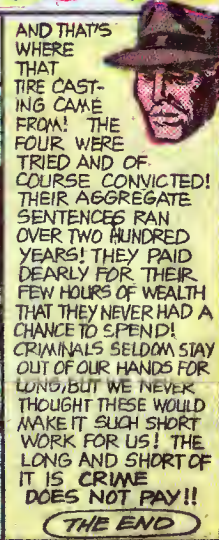
END OF THE LINE, PAL!

YOU WERE RIGHT, CHIEF— FOURTH DOWN AND IT'S OUR BALL!



...AND WE WERE GONNA RETIRE ...

YOU'RE GOING TO RETIRE, ALL RIGHT! PACK 'EM OFF TO THE COOLER!



AND THAT'S WHERE THAT TIRE CASTING CAME FROM! THE FOUR WERE TRIED AND OF COURSE CONVICTED! THEIR AGGREGATE SENTENCES RAN OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS! THEY PAID DEARLY FOR THEIR FEW HOURS OF WEALTH THAT THEY NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO SPEND! CRIMINALS SELDOM STAY OUT OF OUR HANDS FOR LONG, BUT WE NEVER THOUGHT THESE WOULD MAKE IT SUCH SHORT WORK FOR US! THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT IS CRIME DOES NOT PAY!!

THE END

the Clue of the Perfumed Bandit!

**TRUE
CRIME
STORY**



EVERY INTELLIGENT CITIZEN REALIZES THAT LAW AND THE MEN WHO ENFORCE IT ARE HIS ONLY PROTECTION AGAINST EVIL AND INJUSTICE. AND THAT WHEN THE LAW IS BROKEN EACH YEAR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ARE LOST TO CRIMINALS.

EVERY MAN KNOWS THAT THE CROOKS GAIN IS HIS LOSS. TAKE THE CASE THAT BEGAN AT NINE O'CLOCK ON THAT SNOWY NIGHT IN GENOA, NEW YORK, WHEN THERE WAS AN ADDED COST IN LIFE.

THAT'S FUNNY. WHY WOULD ANYBODY LEAVE THEIR DOOR OPEN WHEN IT'S TEN BELOW ZERO—

LET'S HAVE A LOOK!



IT'S THE GARAGE MECHANIC. HE MUST'VE HAD A HEART ATTACK WHILE HE WAS TRYING TO TELEPHONE.

HE HAD A HEART ATTACK ALRIGHT, WITH THE AID OF A BULLET.. LOOK!



HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK! RADIO THE STATION! HAVE THEM PICK UP THE OWNER OF THIS GARAGE ON THEIR WAY DOWN.

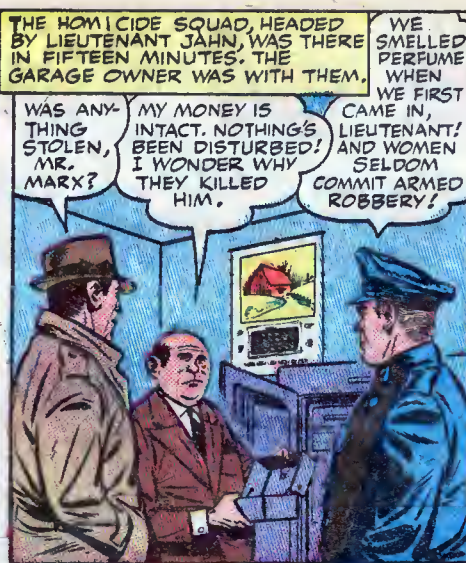
I'LL HAVE THEM CHECK THE PHONE COMPANY, TOO! MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US WHAT TIME HE TOOK THE RECEIVER OF THE HOOK.





HOLD IT! DO YOU SMELL... SOMETHING FUNNY? LIKE PERFUME?

YES... STRONG TOO, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY A WOMAN.



THE HOMICIDE SQUAD, HEADED BY LIEUTENANT JAHN, WAS THERE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES. THE GARAGE OWNER WAS WITH THEM.

WAS ANYTHING STOLEN, MR. MARX?

MY MONEY IS INTACT. NOTHING'S BEEN DISTURBED! I WONDER WHY THEY KILLED HIM.

WE SMELLED PERFUME WHEN WE FIRST CAME IN, LIEUTENANT! AND WOMEN SELDOM COMMIT ARMED ROBBERY!



HE NEVER HAD TIME FOR ANY WOMAN BUT HIS WIFE! I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR FIFTEEN YEARS... NEVER ANY TROUBLE!

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT YOU CAN KNOW A MAN FOR YEARS WITH-OUT KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE OF HIM!



THE PHONE WAS TAKEN OFF THE HOOK AT 8:30, BUT HE DIDN'T DIAL A NUMBER! THE PHONE COMPANY WAS GONNA SEND A MAN AROUND BUT THE SNOW HELD HIM UP!

THAT SETS THE TIME OF DEATH! THE KILLER CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR IN AN HOUR AND TEN MINUTES! HOW ARE YOU COMING WITH THE FINGERPRINTS, BOYS?



THERE ARE DOZENS OF PRINTS, SKIPPER. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO CHECK 'EM ALL OUT, AND EVEN THEN THEY WON'T PROVE MUCH!

YEAH... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! WHEN YOU LAB BOYS ARE FINISHED BRING WHAT YOU GET DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS. THAT BULLET'S THE BEST CLUE WE'VE GOT!

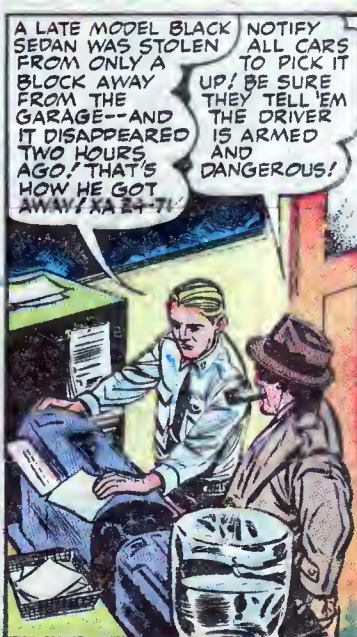


POLICE HEADQUARTERS AN HOUR LATER...

IT'S A 22 CALIBER, LIEUTENANT!

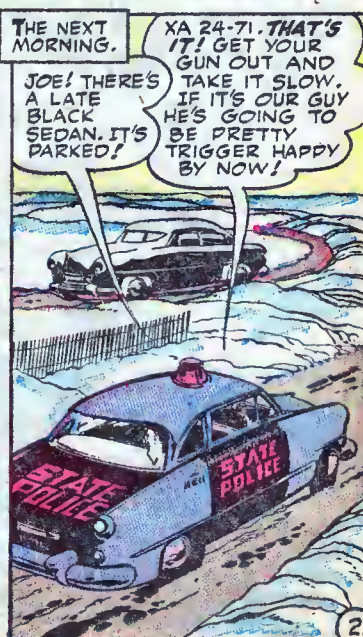
WHO'D CARRY A LITTLE GUN LIKE THAT BUT A WOMAN? IT ALL FITS.

LOOK HERE! I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING!



A LATE MODEL BLACK SEDAN WAS STOLEN FROM ONLY A BLOCK AWAY FROM THE GARAGE--AND IT DISAPPEARED TWO HOURS AGO. THAT'S HOW HE GOT AWAY! XA 24-71!

NOTIFY ALL CARS TO PICK IT UP! BE SURE THEY TELL 'EM THE DRIVER IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS!



THE NEXT MORNING.

JOE! THERE'S A LATE BLACK SEDAN. IT'S PARKED!

XA 24-71. THAT'S IT! GET YOUR GUN OUT AND TAKE IT SLOW. IF IT'S OUR GUY HE'S GOING TO BE PRETTY TRIGGER HAPPY BY NOW!



EMPTY! THE GAS GAUGE IS FULL...AND THE TIRES ARE OKAY!

WHERE COULD HE GO FROM HERE? THERE'S NO TRANSPORTATION FOR TEN MILES. UNLESS HE HITCHED A RIDE!



THEY FOUND THE CAR TWO MILES OUT ON ROUTE 14! ABANDONED!

THAT'S FARMING COUNTRY, LIEUTENANT! NOTHING ELSE FOR MILES. HE MUST LIVE OUT THAT WAY.



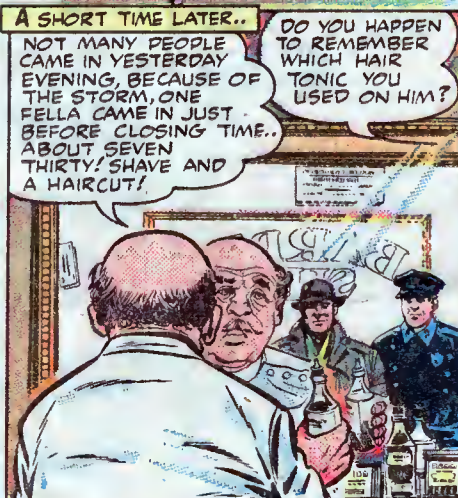
WHAT ABOUT THE PERFUME? YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A WOMAN!

MAYBE IT WASN'T PERFUME. IT COULD'VE BEEN AFTER SHAVE LOTION OR HAIR TONIC! IT COULD HAVE BEEN A MAN!



YOU'RE RIGHT! LISTEN, THIS IS A LONG SHOT, BUT GUYS USUALLY GET FANCY TONICS LIKE THAT FROM A BARBER! THERE'S ONLY A COUPLE IN THAT SECTION OF TOWN.. AND MAYBE THE KILLER USED ONE OF THEM.

IT'S WORTH A TRY! I'LL HAVE MEN OUT LIKE THAT COMING THAT FARMING AREA. WE'LL GET OURSELVES SOME HAIRCUTS!



A SHORT TIME LATER... NOT MANY PEOPLE CAME IN YESTERDAY EVENING, BECAUSE OF THE STORM, ONE FELLA CAME IN JUST BEFORE CLOSING TIME.. ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY! SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT!

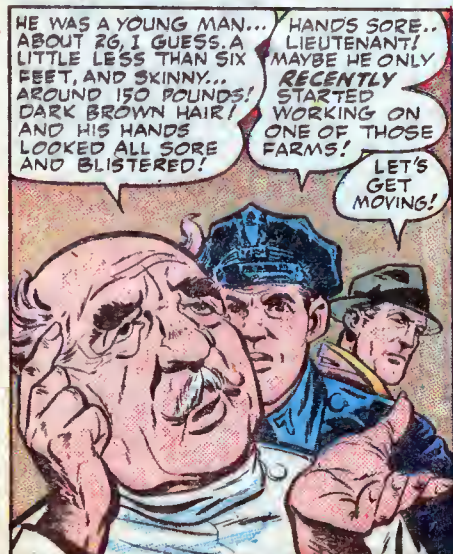
DO YOU HAPPEN TO REMEMBER WHICH HAIR TONIC YOU USED ON HIM?



YEP! GOT A NEW SHIPMENT LAST WEEK! WILD OAK THEY CALL IT, HAVE A SNIFF.

I CAN SMELL IT FROM HERE, LIEUTENANT! THAT'S IT!

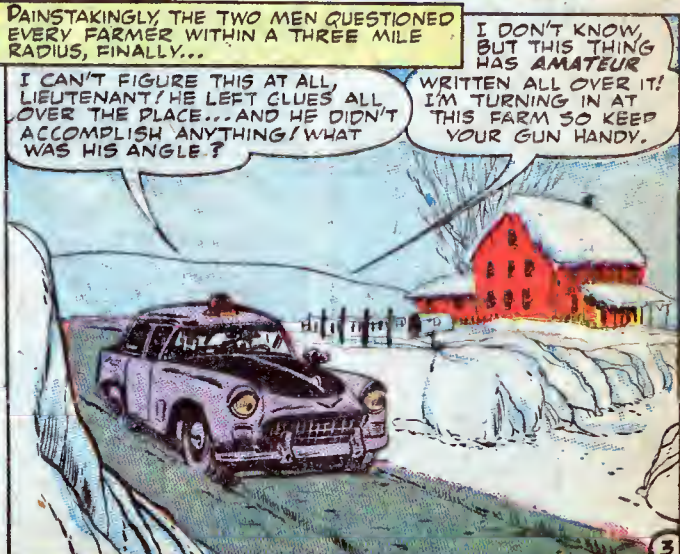
CAN YOU DESCRIBE HIM?



HE WAS A YOUNG MAN... ABOUT 26, I GUESS. A LITTLE LESS THAN SIX FEET, AND SKINNY... AROUND 150 POUNDS! DARK BROWN HAIR! AND HIS HANDS LOOKED ALL SORE AND BLISTERED!

HANDS SORE.. LIEUTENANT! MAYBE HE ONLY RECENTLY STARTED WORKING ON ONE OF THOSE FARMS!

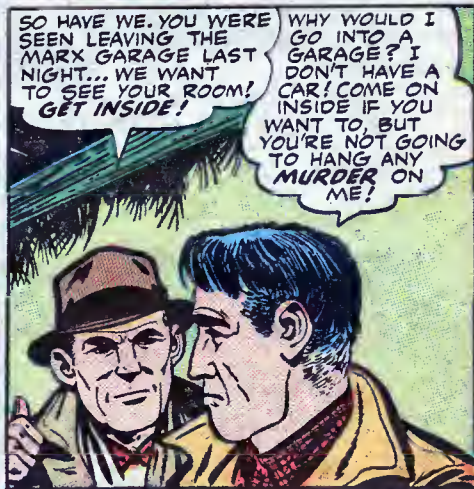
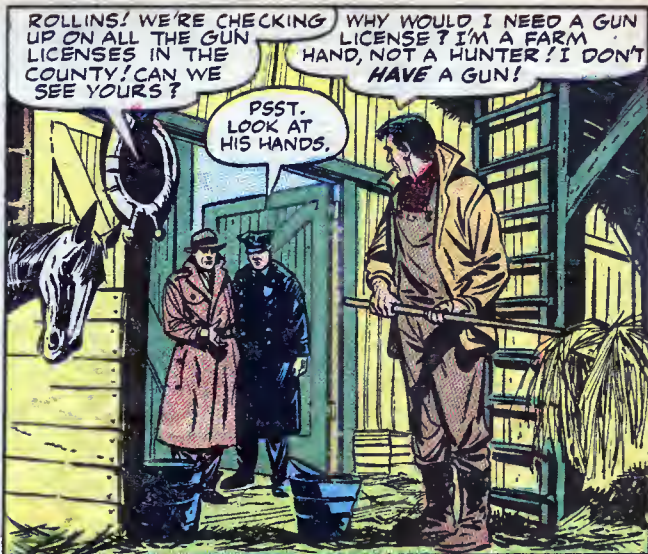
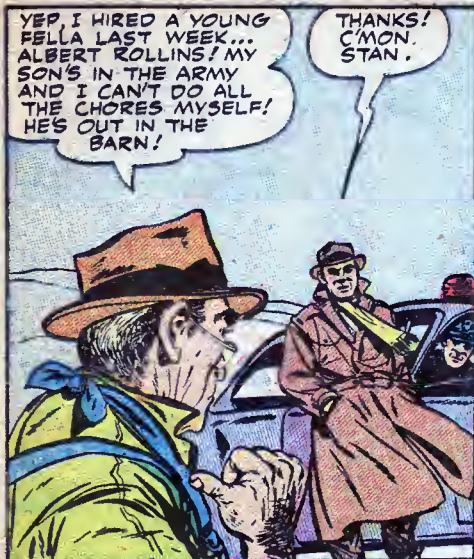
LET'S GET MOVING!



PAINSTAKINGLY, THE TWO MEN QUESTIONED EVERY FARMER WITHIN A THREE MILE RADIUS, FINALLY...

I CAN'T FIGURE THIS AT ALL, LIEUTENANT! HE LEFT GLUES ALL OVER THE PLACE...AND HE DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING! WHAT WAS HIS ANGLE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THIS THING HAS AMATEUR WRITTEN ALL OVER IT! I'M TURNING IN AT THIS FARM SO KEEP YOUR GUN HANDY.





YOU'RE TOO SLOW, ROLLINS! AND TOO STUPID!



GET ME A DOCTOR! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M HURT!

I'VE BEEN HURT WORSE BY MOSQUITOS! COME ON TOUGH GUY! GRAB THE GUN, STANLEY!



LATER...

OUR BALLISTICS EXPERTS SAY THAT YOUR GUN SHOT HIM, ROLLINS! HOW ABOUT IT?

HE DIDN'T THINK I'D SHOOT. HE TRIED TO GRAB THE TELEPHONE, AND I HAD TO STOP HIM! I THOUGHT SOMEBODY MIGHT'VE HEARD SO I LEFT WITHOUT HIS DOUGH!



HOW DID YOU KNOW... HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

LET'S SAY WE JUST SMELLED YOU OUT!



ALL YOU BOUGHT YOURSELF WITH THAT ROD IS A CHANCE FOR A TRIP ON THE LAST MILE. LOCK HIM UP, STANLEY, I'M GOING TO GET SOME SLEEP!

NO! NO!

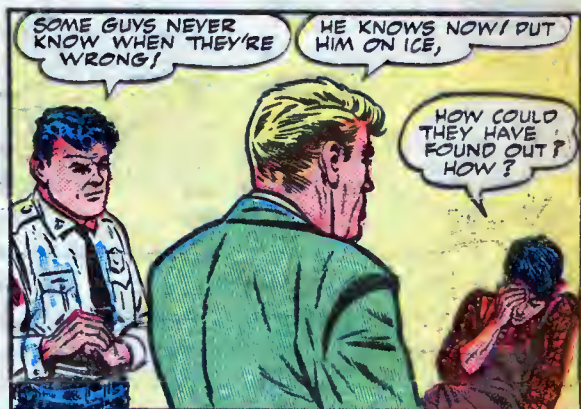


YOU'RE NOT SENDING ME UP THE RIVER! YOU CAN'T KEEP ME HERE! I'M GETTIN' OUT!

THIS WILL GET YOU NO-THING BUT MORE TROUBLE, ROLLINS..



YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!



SOME GUYS NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY'RE WRONG!

HE KNOWS NOW! PUT HIM ON ICE,

HOW COULD THEY HAVE FOUND OUT? HOW?

THIS TIME A BARBER'S UNTRAINED POWERS OF OBSERVATION, PLUS THE PATROLMAN'S REMARKABLE SENSE OF SMELL, HAD TRAPPED A KILLER. THOUGH THIS CASE LIKE ANY COSTS YOU, THE TAXPAYER, MONEY (FOR THE SERVICES OF GOOD POLICE OFFICERS AND TRIALS ARE COSTLY) A SUCCESSFUL CRIME IS BECOMING ALMOST AN IMPOSSIBILITY! THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY WAS NEVER PROVEN MORE TRUE! THE END

ODDLY ENOUGH,

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. On March 23, 1949, the office of the Denver & Rio Grand Western received a letter signed "God Knows My Name" and containing \$1,210 in currency. The writer confessed that this represented the sum of \$1,200 which had been stolen from the railroad thirty years previously. A postscript in the letter advised that the extra \$10.00 was from "another person". Officials of the company had no knowledge of any such sum of money having been absconded with.

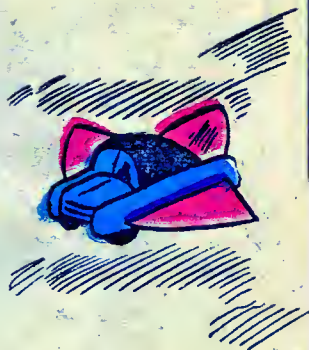
HIS OWN RECOVERY

An ex-marine in Kansas City, Missouri, reported to police that his car was stolen from him while he was bowling. He then returned to the bowling alley and continued with his game. Later the six foot, 230 pound man walked out of the bowling place to find his car moving along the street in a slow line of traffic. He quickly dashed over to the car, grabbed the driver's collar and ordered him to pull to the curb. The driver meekly complied and the ex-Marine soon recovered his own stolen car. (Jan. 6, 1954.)

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THE FOUR-IN-ONE-CAR

In 1951 a Chicago motorist reported his automobile missing and told police they should have no trouble recognizing it. His car was a 1949 Chevrolet convertible body, mounted on a 1939 Studebaker chassis, with a 1949 Kaiser front bumper and a 1949 Oldsmobile rear bumper. The car also had a 1949 modified Chevrolet grill, with a 1950 Studebaker six-cylinder engine, No. 505-230-039. He had sold the car to a stranger for \$1,200, but got only \$25 before the stranger disappeared with the automobile.



APPRECIATIVE PRISONERS



Inmates of the Okanogan County Jail (Washington) ran a quarter page ad in the weekly newspaper to tell the public they thought the sheriff and his deputies were swell guys. The behind-bars tribute to the sheriff and his men was headed "Seasons greetings to a very fine group for 1955." It cost the inmates almost twenty-five dollars to show their affection.

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CRIME CLEANUP

When two men tried to hold up a grocery store across the street, the employee of a Philadelphia animal refuge society, advanced with a spray gun used for killing fleas, and pumped insecticide at the bandits until they surrendered.

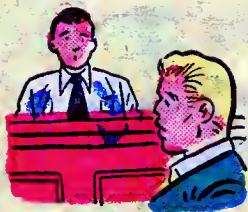
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WRONG COMBINATION

In Syracuse, New York, a 51 year old ex-convict was unable to force a railroad office strongbox. He then spent thirty-one dollars in taxicab fares hauling it around to friends who also failed to open it. In disgust he tossed it into the Seneca River. After being arrested and sentenced to twenty years in prison, the lawbreaker learned to his dismay that the strongbox had contained only thirteen dollars in postage stamps and forty-four pencils.



BABY ITS COLD OUTSIDE



Two men awaiting trial on burglary charges broke out of the county jail in Paintsville, Kentucky. The following day one of the escapees turned up at the jail and asked to be readmitted. "I just can't stand this cold weather," he said. His request was readily accepted. (Jan. 1955).

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"IN DEEP"

THERE'S NO STRONGER BAIT FOR TROUBLE THAN HEAVY GAMBLING! IN THIS CASE, A DEBT WAS PAID AT THE HEAVIEST PRICE!

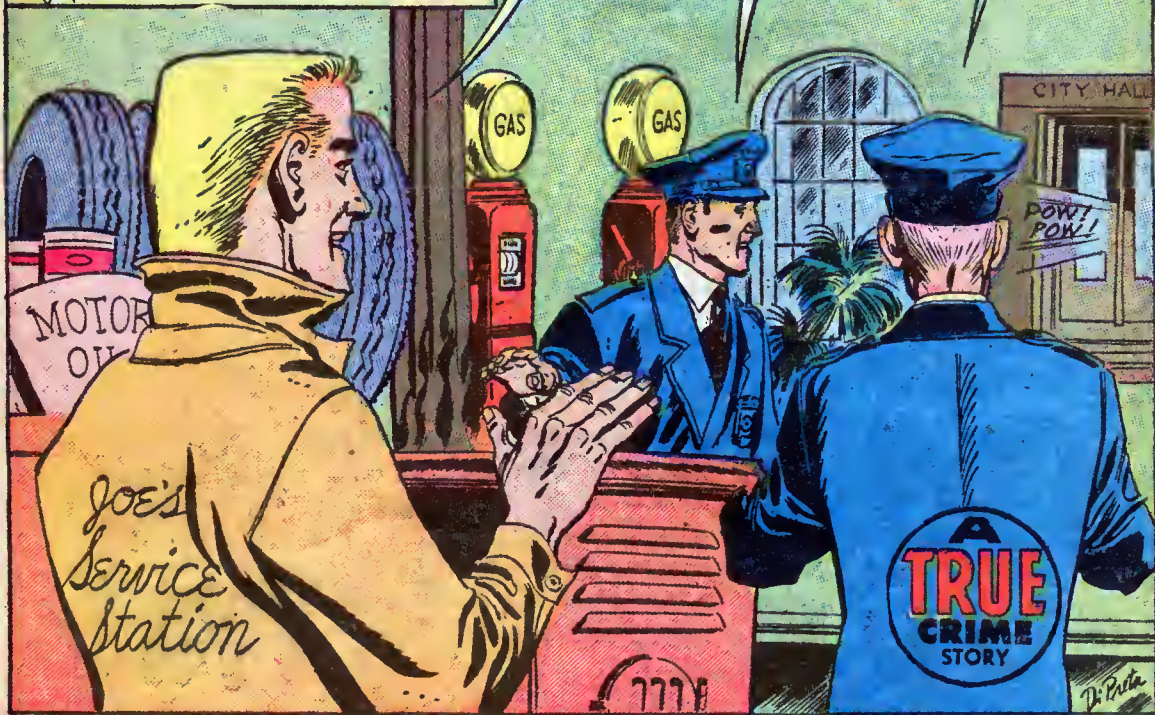


My name's ED BANKS...SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR TO THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA! THIS CASE IS TYPICAL OF THE KIND THAT MAKES ME WONDER WHY CRIMINALS THINK THEY'RE SMARTER THAN THE LAW! IT ALL STARTED ON DECEMBER 31ST, 1935, IN A SMALL RESORT TOWN IN NORTHERN FLORIDA...

WHEW! SURE IS COLD OUT TONIGHT! JUST GOING OFF DUTY, GEORGE?

YEAH! BILL AND I THOUGHT WE'D DROP IN AND WARM UP BEFORE HEADING HOME! HEY! WHAT WAS THAT?

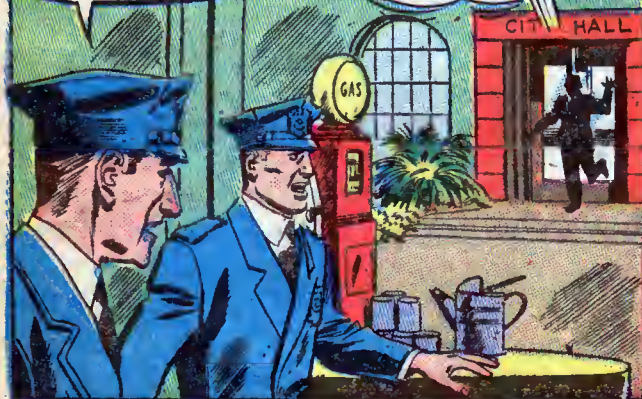
SOUNDED LIKE SHOTS... COMING FROM CITY HALL, TOO!



AN INSTANT LATER, BERNIE ARNESS, THE TOWN'S PARKING METER COLLECTOR, RACED FROM THE CITY HALL CALLING FOR HELP...

HEY, LOOK! THERE'S BERNIE! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED?

HELP! HELP! I JUST KILLED A BURGLAR!

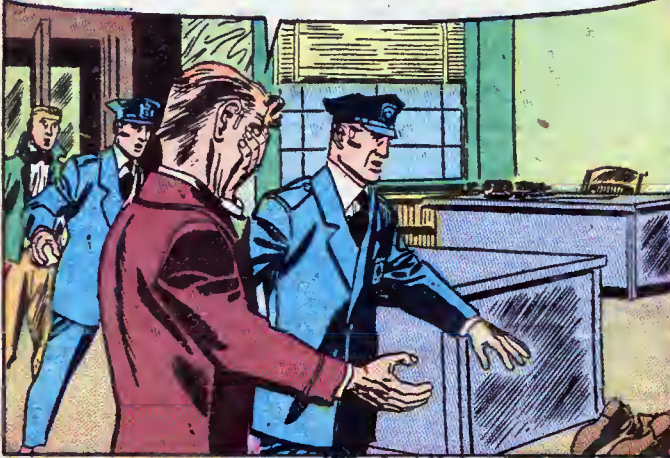


HE'S IN THE BACK ROOM! I JUST FINISHED MY COLLECTIONS AND FOUND HIM RIFLING THE TILL WHEN I ENTERED! I THINK I KILLED HIM!

TAKE IT EASY, BERNIE! LET'S GO AND SEE!



TH...THERE HE IS! I SAW HIM BENDING OVER THE CASH DRAWER WHEN I CAME IN! I PULLED OUT MY SERVICE REVOLVER! HE JUMPED FOR THE LIGHT SWITCH, BUT I SAW HIS SILHOUETTE IN THE DARK WHEN HE DUCKED! I FIRED... HE FELL!



I SWITCHED ON THE LIGHTS AND SAW HIM LYING THERE! THEN I RAN OUT AND CALLED YOU!

EASY, BERNIE...EASY! YOU DID RIGHT!



BUT HOW'D HE GET IN HERE WITHOUT BEING STOPPED? WHEN BILL AND I SIGNED OFF DUTY TWENTY MINUTES AGO, RALPH GANT WAS STILL HERE WORKING ON HIS BOOKS!

YEAH? WELL, WHERE'D HE GO?

HERE'S THE ANSWER! HE'S BEEN SLUGGED HERE AT HIS DESK! MUST'VE FALLEN BEHIND IT! LOOKS BAD TOO!



RALPH GANT WAS THE TOWN CLERK! HE KEPT RECORDS OF FINES, COLLECTIONS, TAX RECEIPTS AND CIVIC EXPENDITURES ...

HE'S STILL BREATHING! TOOK A COUPLE OF BAD LUMPS! LET'S CALL AN AMBULANCE!

RALP...RALPH! WHY, HE'S MY BEST FRIEND!



THAT'S RIGHT, CITY HALL! SEND AN AMBULANCE, QUICK!

LET'S SEE WHO THIS ONE IS! WH...WELL, I'LL BE...

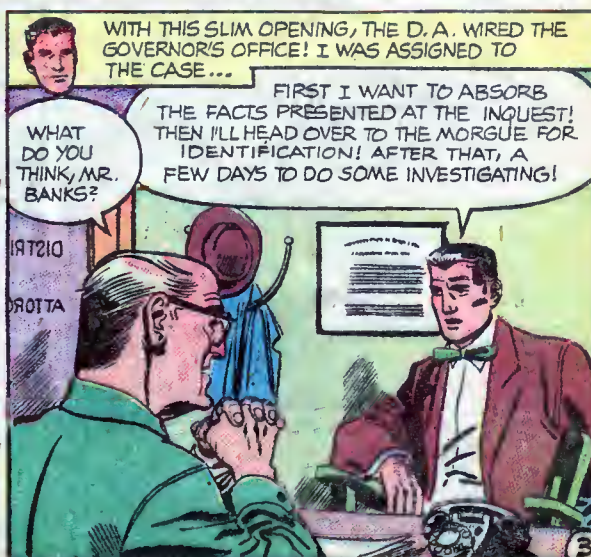
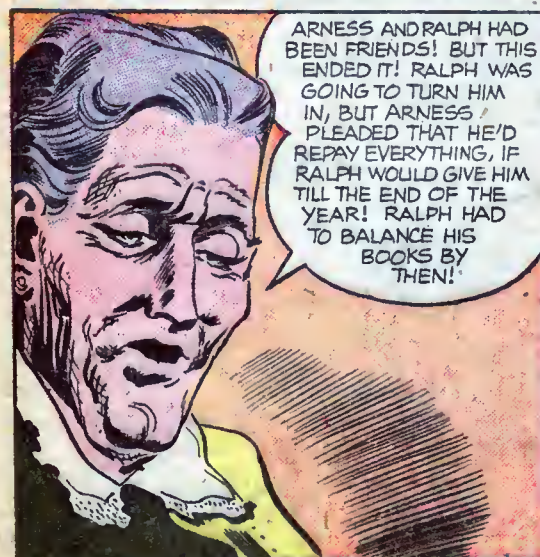
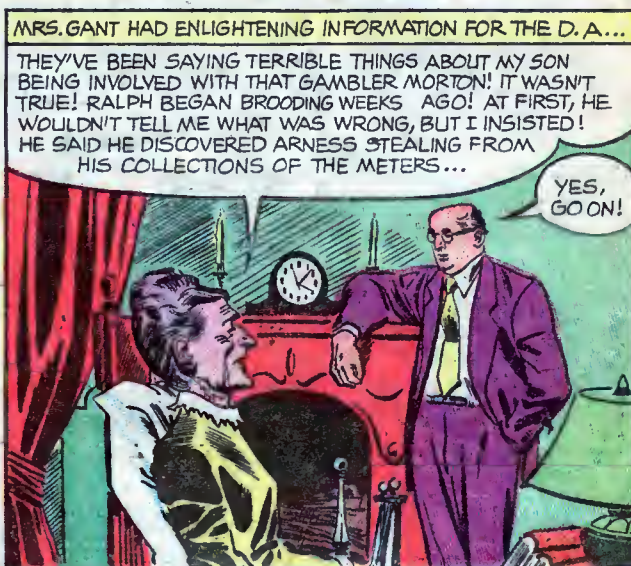
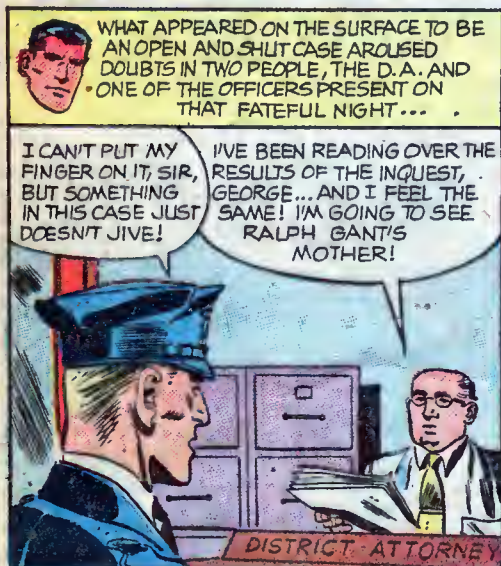
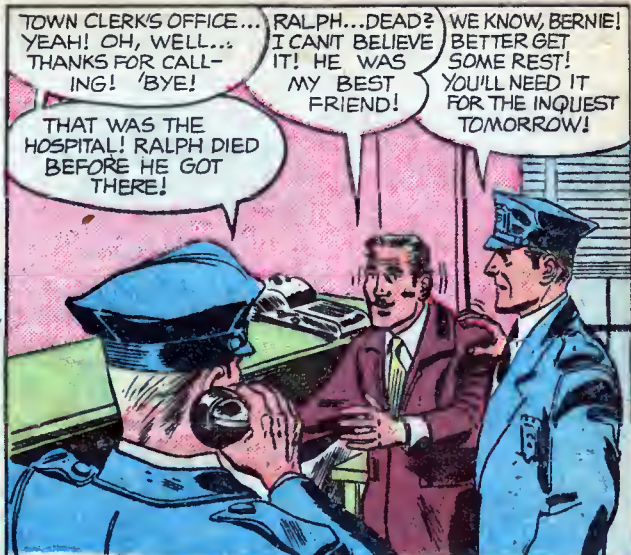
AMOS MORTON! THE TOWN BOOKIE! WITH ALL HIS DOUGH, WHY WOULD HE TRY ROBBING THE TILL OF A COUPLE OF HUNDRED BUCKS?



YOU KNOW, BILL, I WAS JUST THINKING... ONLY OFFICIAL PARTIES ARE PERMITTED BEHIND THE COUNTER! YET MORTON MANAGED TO GET AS FAR AS RALPH'S DESK TO SLUG HIM!

WHICH MEANS RALPH LET HIM GET THAT CLOSE... ATHING HE WOULDN'T DO UNLESS HE WAS PRETTY FRIENDLY WITH MORTON!





ACTING ON A HUNCH, I VISITED SEVERAL GAMBLING CASINOS IN THE SUBURBS! A FEW OF THEM SUPPLIED THE INFORMATION I SOUGHT...

SURE, I KNOW BERNIE ARNESS! HE'S IN HERE ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK! A REAL SUCKER FOR A HOT DICE GAME! A REGULAR LOSER, BUT HE NEVER GIVES UP!

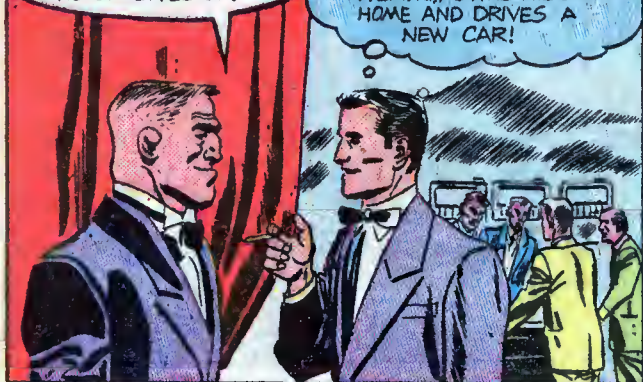
THANKS...THANKS A LOT!

THE D.A. SAID ARNESS EARNED ABOUT \$4,000 A YEAR, YET HE LOSES HEAVILY, OWNS HIS OWN HOME AND DRIVES A NEW CAR!

FINALLY, ABOUT A WEEK AFTER THE DOUBLE MURDER I CAUGHT UP WITH ARNESS AT A DICE TABLE...

LUCKY NIGHT FOR YOU, MR. ARNESS! YOU'VE WON OVER \$300 IN LESS THAN TWENTY MINUTES! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD!

NOT ON YOUR LIFE! I DROPPED 600 CLAMS HERE LAST WEEK! TONIGHT I'M GETTING IT BACK... IN SPADES!



SNAKE-EYES! BLAST IT... JUST WHEN I HAD A STREAK GOING!

TOUGH LUCK! YOU LOOKED REAL HOT FOR AWHILE!



AHHH! THAT WON'T STOP ME! I'LL WAIT TILL THEY COME AROUND AGAIN! I DON'T QUIT TILL I MAKE A PILE OR LOSE ONE!

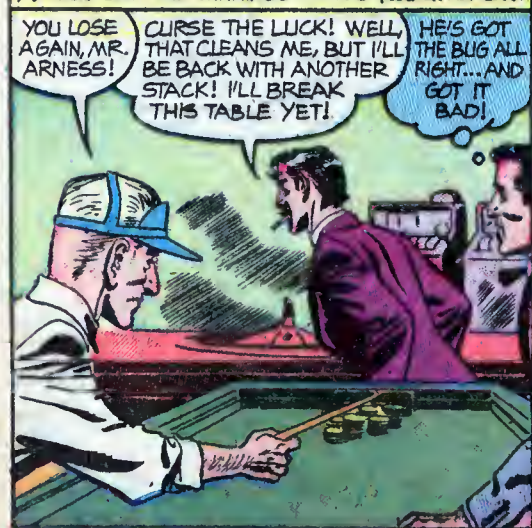
THAT'S OKAY... IF YOU'VE GOT IT!

ARNESS LOST HIS WINNINGS... PLUS \$250 MORE...

YOU LOSE AGAIN, MR. ARNESS!

CURSE THE LUCK! WELL, THAT CLEANS ME, BUT I'LL BE BACK WITH ANOTHER STACK! I'LL BREAK THIS TABLE YET!

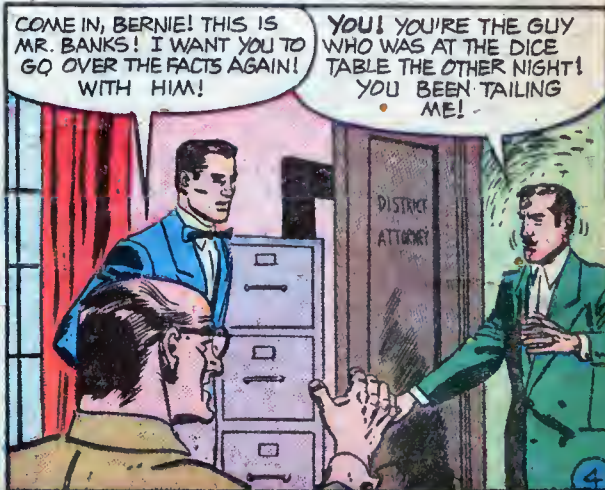
HE'S GOT THE BUG ALL RIGHT... AND GOT IT BAD!



IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE, I THEN SOUGHT AFTER SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN RALPH GANT AND MORTON... BUT IN VAIN! ARNESS WAS MY MAN! THE D.A. SENT FOR HIM!

COME IN, BERNIE! THIS IS MR. BANKS! I WANT YOU TO GO OVER THE FACTS AGAIN! WITH HIM!

YOU! YOU'RE THE GUY WHO WAS AT THE DICE TABLE THE OTHER NIGHT! YOU BEEN TAILING ME!





MAYBE! BUT THAT SHOULDN'T WORRY YOU IF YOU'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG! NOW TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED NEW YEAR'S EVE... AND DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING OUT!



STEP BY STEP ARNESS REPEATED EVERYTHING HE'D SAID BEFORE...

VERY INTERESTING, ARNESS... ONLY I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED AT ALL!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



YOU MAKE LESS THAN EIGHTY DOLLARS A WEEK, LIVE LIKE A MAN WHO MAKES \$150... AND GAMBLE LIKE ONE WHO MAKES \$500! YOU'VE BEEN STEALING PART OF YOUR METER COLLECTIONS! GANT PRESSED YOU TO MAKE GOOD AND MORTON PRESSED YOU FOR YOUR GAMBLING DEBTS! SO YOU ARRANGED TO KILL THEM BOTH AND MAKE YOURSELF LOOK LIKE A HERO!



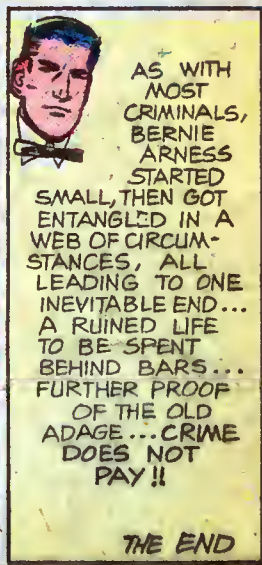
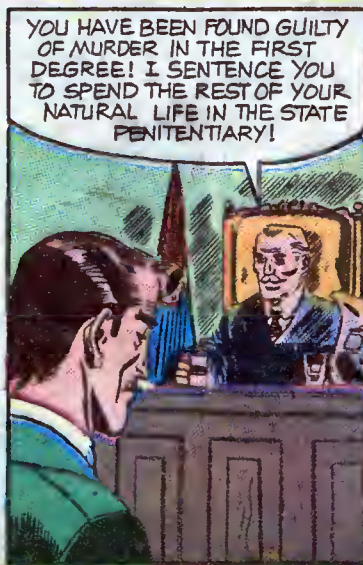
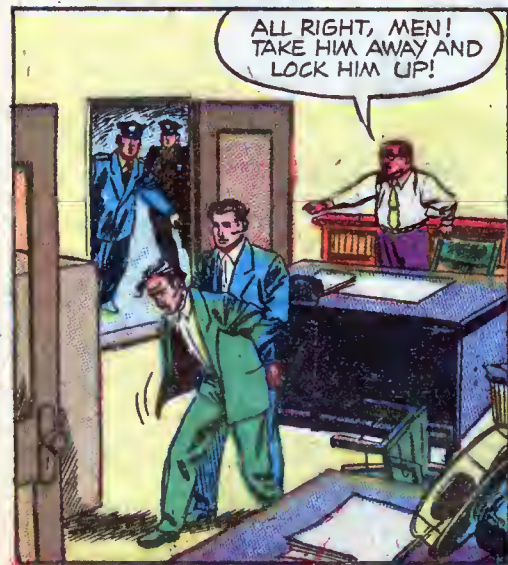
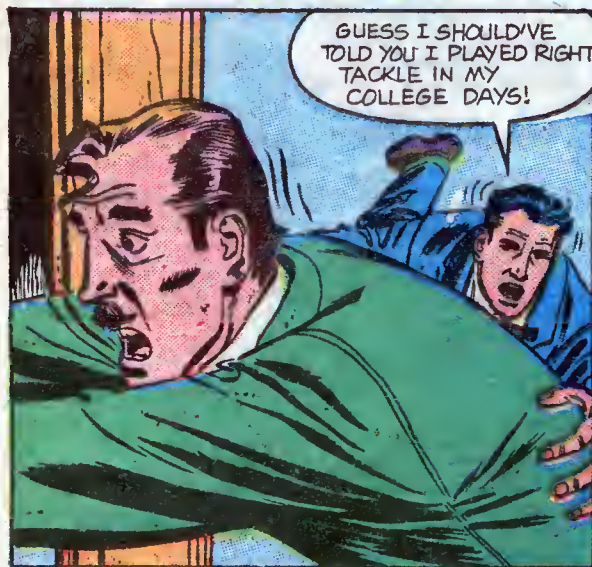
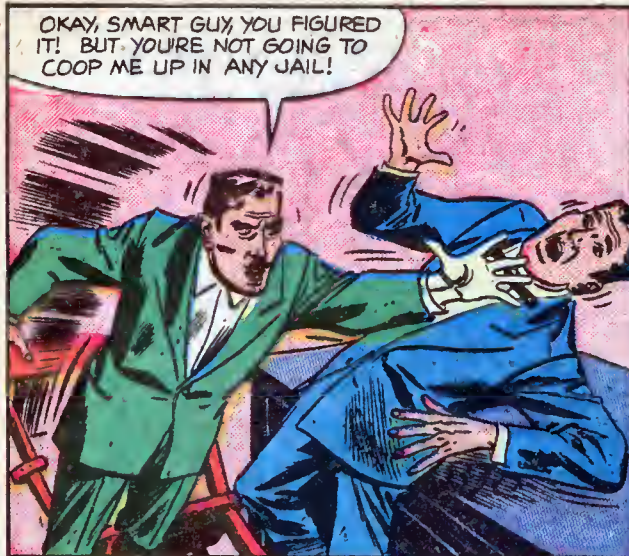
YOU GOT MORTON TO COME TO THE OFFICE ON THE PRETEXT THAT YOU'D PAY HIM, BUT REALLY TO SET UP A ROBBERY! AFTER SLUGGING GANT, YOU HID BEHIND THE COUNTER! MORTON ENTERED...THOUGHT THE PLACE WAS EMPTY! HE STEPPED BEHIND THE COUNTER AND YOU FIRED!



YOU'RE A LIAR! THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT HAPPENED AT ALL!

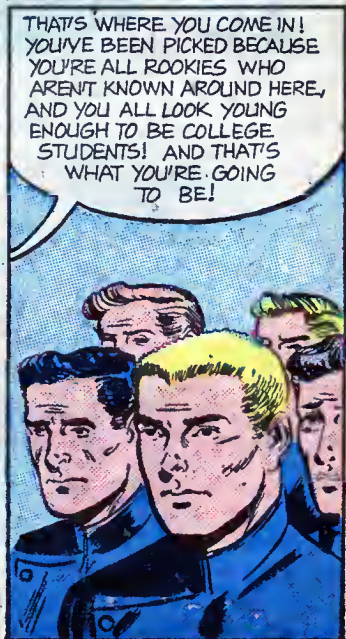
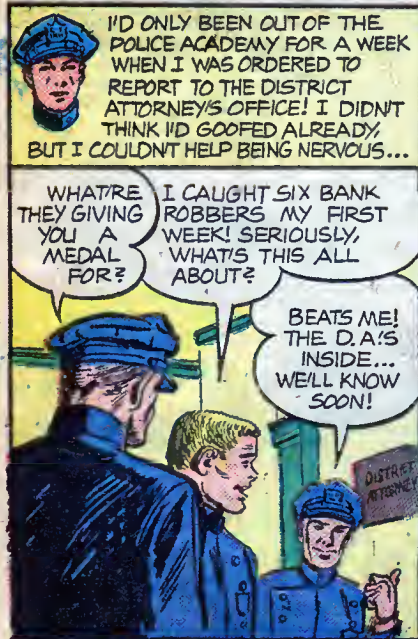
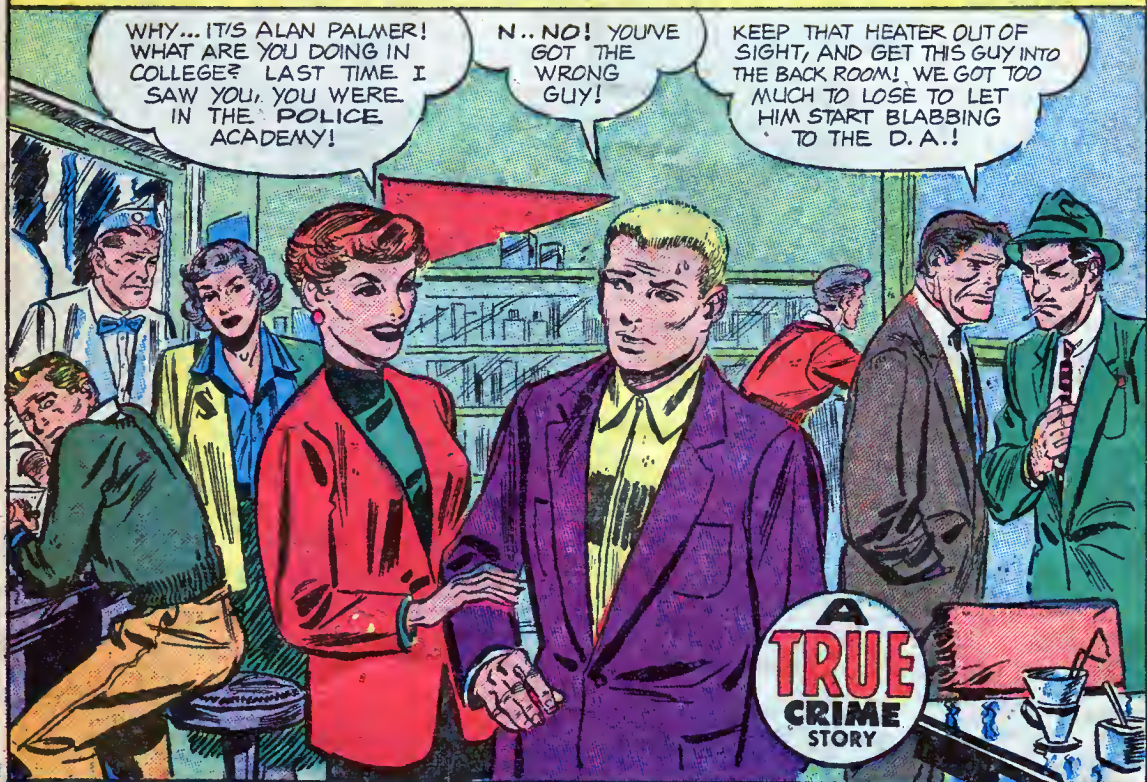



THEN EXPLAIN HOW THE BULLETS THAT STRUCK MORTON TRAVELED UPWARD!... IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAN YOU CLAIM WAS CROUCHING LOW! AND HOW COULD YOU HIT HIM IN THE CHEST IF HE WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU?



MIGHTY ROOKIE

GAMBLING HAS BECOME BIG BUSINESS, AND ITS FILTHY TENTACLES HAVE REACHED EVEN INTO THE CAMPUSES OF SOME OF OUR MAJOR COLLEGES! TO EXPOSE THE DIRTY RACKET, THE D.A. DECIDED ON A BOLD, UNUSUAL STEP... A STEP THAT WOULD SEND HIS MOST INEXPERIENCED MEN UP AGAINST THE TOP DOGS OF THE UNDERWORLD!!

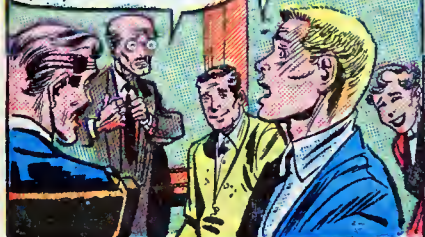




THE FOLLOWING MONDAY MORNING I BEGAN CLASSES AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE! IT FELT FUNNY TO BE IN COLLEGE CLOTHES, BUT IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO GET IN TO THE GROOVE! I IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF GAMBLING...

THIS IS NOT AN EASY SUBJECT TO UNDERSTAND, AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GIVE ME YOUR COMPLETE ATTENTION! IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, MR. PALMER?

HUH? WHAT? OH... SURE!



YOU'D BETTER LEARN TO LOOK LIKE YOU'RE CONCENTRATING AROUND OLD PROFESSOR GRIMSHAW! HE'LL FLUNK YOU OUT AS QUICK AS LOOK AT YOU!

THAT WOULD FIX IT!

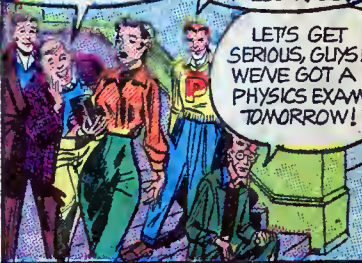
THANKS! I'LL BE CAREFUL!



I STARTED HANGING AROUND WITH MY CLASSMATES, BUT A WEEK PASSED AND AS FAR AS I KNEW, THE D.A. WAS ALL WET! I HEARD A LOT ABOUT HORACE AND HOMER AND DANCES AND STUFF, BUT NO GAMBLING!

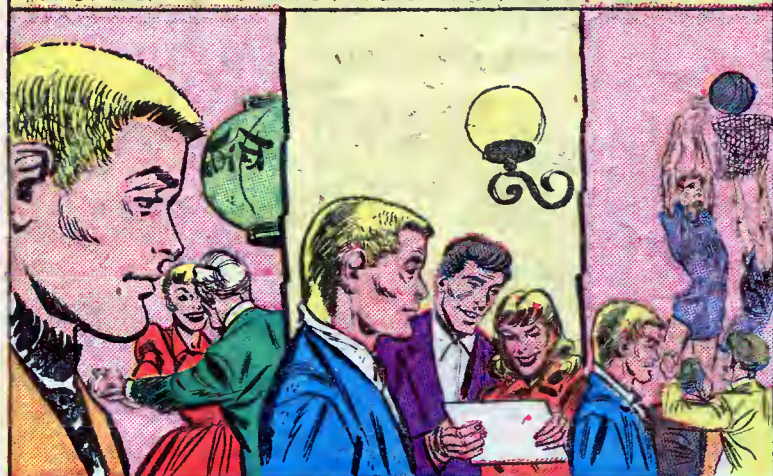

HEY MYRA! HOW ABOUT MEETING ME IN THE LIBRARY STACKS FOR A LITTLE RESEARCH?

YOU MIGHT AS WELL TRY AND MAKE A DATE WITH THE STATUE IN FRONT OF THE MESS HALL!



LET'S GET SERIOUS, GUYS! WE'VE GOT A PHYSICS EXAM TOMORROW!


I WAS ENJOYING THAT BUNCH, BUT THEY WEREN'T THE GAMBLING KIND! I STARTED HANGING AROUND THE OFF-CAMPUS JOINTS...

I DIDN'T PICK UP A SINGLE RUMBLE, AND I BEGAN TO GET DISCOURAGED! MAYBE THEY WERE WISE TO ME... MAYBE THE D.A. WAS WRONG... MAYBE I WAS JUST DUMB! THEN ONE DAY...

I GOT A HUNCH BLUEBELLS GONNA TAKE THE FOURTH! WANTA GO IN WITH ME FOR A TWO SPOT ON THE NOSE?

EIGHT TO ONE... THE ODDS ARE RIGHT! OKAY, LET'S TRY IT!

THEY WROTE THEIR BET ON A SLIP OF PAPER, ROLLED IT UP WITH TWO BILLS INSIDE, AND SLIPPED IT TO THE WAITER! I HAD ANOTHER CHOCOLATE SODA AND WAITED! A HALF HOUR LATER...

NINETY-THREE BUCKS TODAY, ROCKY! PRETTY GOOD, EH?

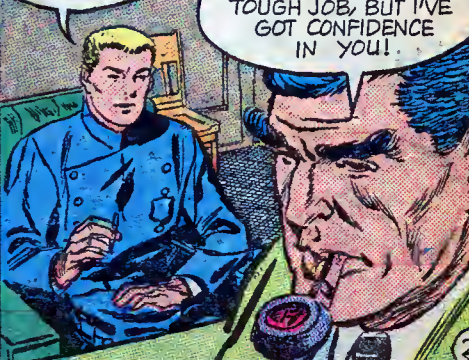
DON'T PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK TOO HARD! THESE CHUMPS ARE JUST ASKING TO BE TAKEN AND YOU KNOW IT! LISTEN... KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. WE GOT WORD THERE ARE COPS AROUND!

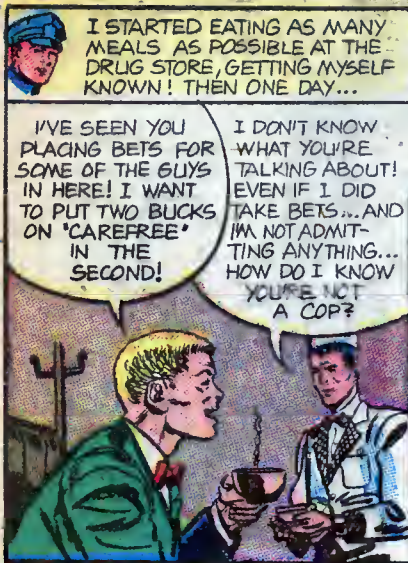


THAT NIGHT...

I COULD NAB THE WHOLE BATCH TOMORROW AFTERNOON! THE RUNNER PICKS UP THE BETS ABOUT 5:30!

NOT YET, PALMER! YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB SO FAR, BUT WE DON'T WANT LITTLE FRY... WE WANT THE BRAINS BEHIND THIS ROTTEN BUSINESS! TRY TO GAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE. LEARN ALL YOU CAN! IT'S A TOUGH JOB, BUT I'VE GOT CONFIDENCE IN YOU!





I STARTED EATING AS MANY MEALS AS POSSIBLE AT THE DRUG STORE, GETTING MYSELF KNOWN! THEN ONE DAY...

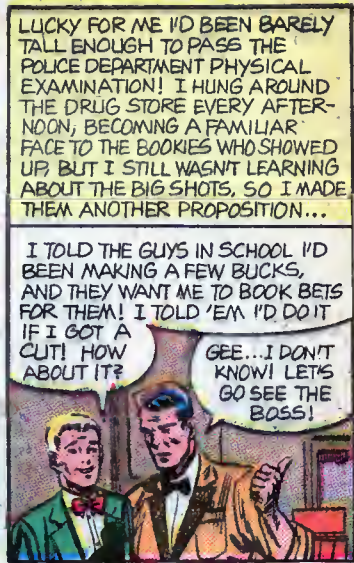
I'VE SEEN YOU PLACING BETS FOR SOME OF THE GUYS IN HERE! I WANT TO PUT TWO BUCKS ON 'CAREFREE' IN THE SECOND!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! EVEN IF I DID TAKE BETS... AND I'M NOT ADMITTING ANYTHING... HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A COP?



I'M TOO SMALL TO BE A COP! WHY SHOULD I KNOCK MYSELF OUT FOR SIXTY BUCKS A WEEK ANYWAY? THERE'S EASIER WAYS TO MAKE A LIVING... WELL, HOW ABOUT IT?

WELL... I GUESS YOU'RE OKAY! I GOTTA BE CAREFUL!



LUCKY FOR ME I'D BEEN BARELY TALL ENOUGH TO PASS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION! I HUNG AROUND THE DRUG STORE EVERY AFTER-NOON, BECOMING A FAMILIAR FACE TO THE BOOKIES WHO SHOWED UP, BUT I STILL WASN'T LEARNING ABOUT THE BIG SHOTS, SO I MADE THEM ANOTHER PROPOSITION...

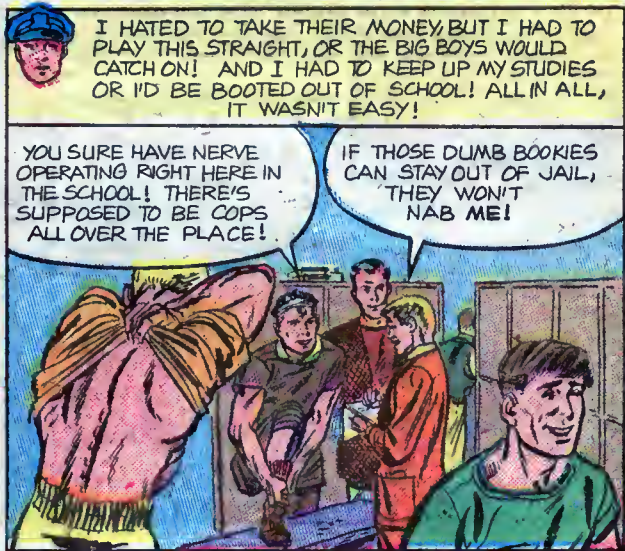
I TOLD THE GUYS IN SCHOOL I'D BEEN MAKING A FEW BUCKS, AND THEY WANT ME TO BOOK BETS FOR THEM! I TOLD 'EM I'D DO IT IF I GOT A CUT! HOW ABOUT IT?

GEE... I DON'T KNOW! LET'S GO SEE THE BOSS!



I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN WINNING! MAYBE WE'D SAVE MONEY BY PUTTING YOU ON THE PAYROLL, HUH? OKAY, KID - YOU'RE IN!

HEY, THAT'S SWEET! THANKS!



I HATED TO TAKE THEIR MONEY, BUT I HAD TO PLAY THIS STRAIGHT, OR THE BIG BOYS WOULD CATCH ON! AND I HAD TO KEEP UP MY STUDIES, OR I'D BE BOOTED OUT OF SCHOOL! ALL IN ALL, IT WASN'T EASY!

YOU SURE HAVE NERVE OPERATING RIGHT HERE IN THE SCHOOL! THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE COPS ALL OVER THE PLACE!

IF THOSE DUMB BOOKIES CAN STAY OUT OF JAIL, THEY WON'T NAB ME!



A FEW DAYS LATER, AN URGENT MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO ME FROM ONE OF THE OTHER BOYS WORKING FOR THE BOOKIES!

ALL THE GUYS ARE ORDERED TO BE IN THE DRUG STORE AT FOUR O'CLOCK! I GUESS IT'S SOME BIG DEAL!

OKAY, THANKS! I'LL BE THERE!

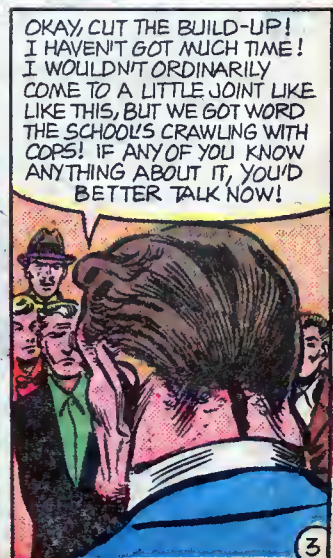
I DON'T LIKE THIS! MAYBE THEY'VE TAGGED ME FOR A COP! BUT I'VE GOTTA GO THROUGH WITH THIS!



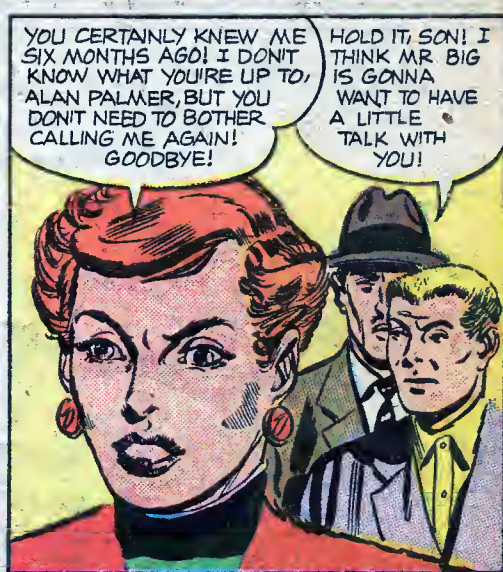
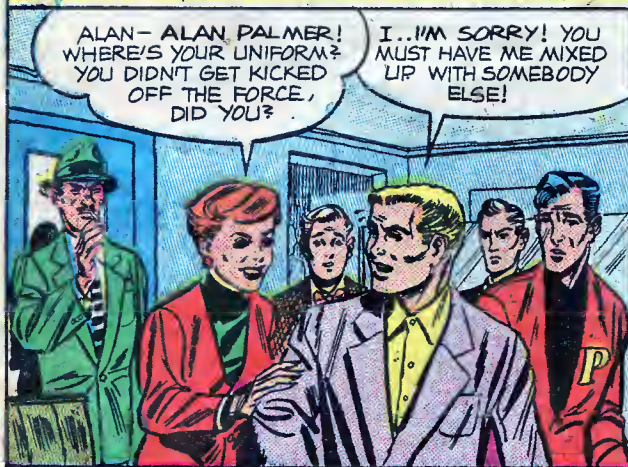
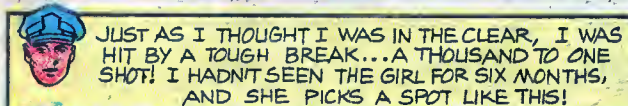
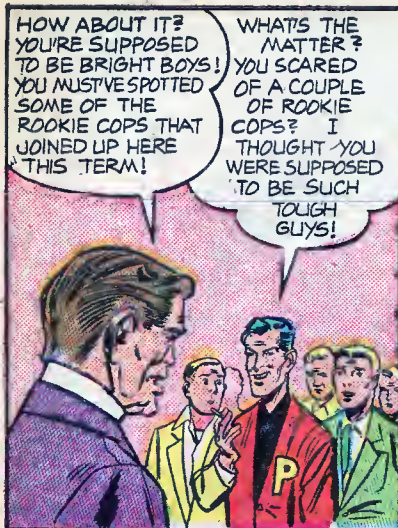
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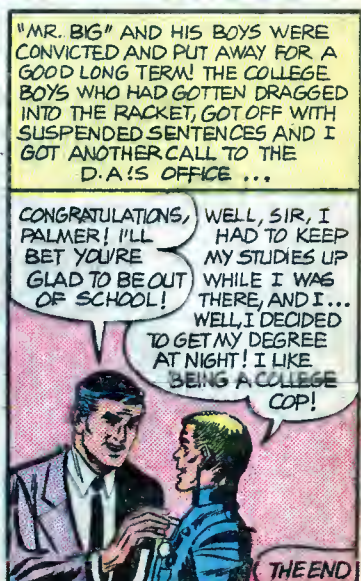
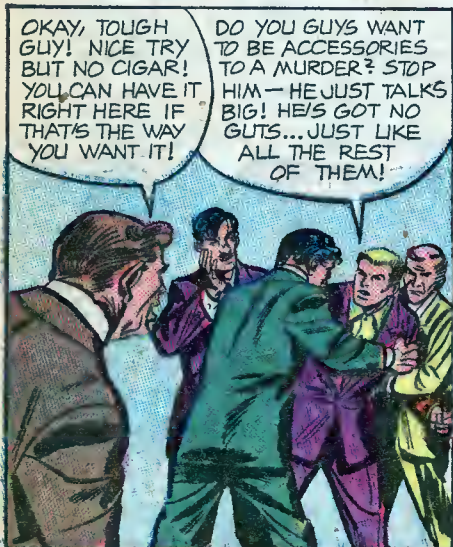
BEATS ME! MAYBE WE HAVEN'T BEEN MAKING ENOUGH DOUGH!

GET IN THERE AND CLOSE THE DOOR! WE GOT COMPANY - BIG COMPANY!



OKAY, CUT THE BUILD-UP! I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME! I WOULDN'T ORDINARILY COME TO A LITTLE JOINT LIKE LIKE THIS, BUT WE GOT WORD THE SCHOOL'S CRAWLING WITH COPS! IF ANY OF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, YOU'D BETTER TALK NOW!



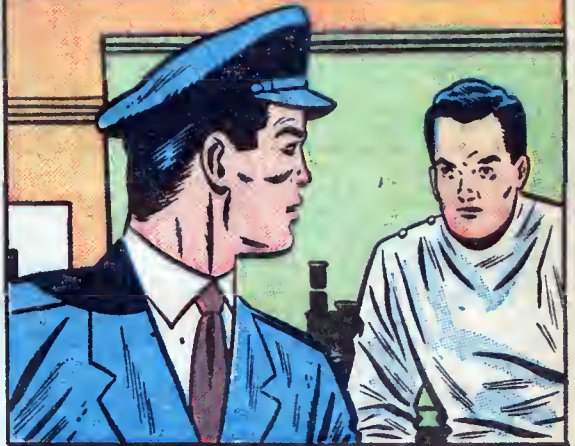


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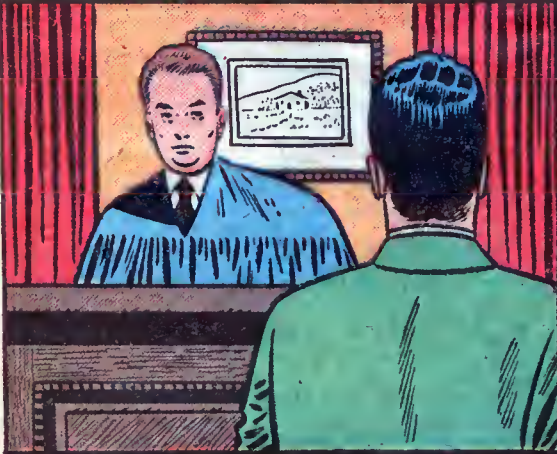
LEV GLEASON'S QUIZ TIME

YOUR MANY LETTERS TELL US THAT YOU LIKE THIS NEW FEATURE, ON THE WORKINGS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SO HERE WE GO AGAIN. REMEMBER SOME OF THE PICTURES ARE HERE TO FOOL YOU, SO DON'T GET THROWN OFF THE TRACK. YOU'LL FIND THE CORRECT ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE. GOOD LUCK.

1. WHEN THE POLICE USE THE WORD "SCOPOLAMINE" IN CONVERSATION THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT:
(A) TRUTH SERUM. (B) THE CAUSE OF DEATH.
(C) GUNSHOT WOUND.



2. A FELONY IS A CRIME THAT IS PUNISHABLE BY A SENTENCE OF: (A) MORE THAN 3 YEARS IN A CITY JAIL. (B) MORE THAN ONE YEAR IN A STATE PRISON. (C) LESS THAN ONE YEAR IN A CITY JAIL.



3. ALPHANAPHTHYLAMINE IS AN ACCURATE TEST THAT DETERMINES: (A) HOW MANY TIMES A GUN HAS BEEN FIRED. (B) THE DISTANCE FROM A BULLET HOLE FROM WHICH A GUN HAS BEEN FIRED. (C) THE PATTERN OF FINGERPRINTS.



4. WHEN THE WORD "LANDS" IS USED BY THE POLICE, IT IS USED: (A) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALIBER OF A GUN. (B) IN CONNECTION WITH A ROBBERY. (C) IN CONNECTION WITH DUST PARTICLES FOUND AT THE SCENE OF A CRIME.



5. A GRAND JURY IS COMPILED OF: (A) 18 MEMBERS. (B) 5 MEMBERS. (C) 23 MEMBERS.



6. A DECELEROMETER TEST IS GIVEN IN CASES OF: (A) CAR ACCIDENTS. (B) FIRE, WHERE ARSON IS SUSPECTED. (C) ROBBERY.



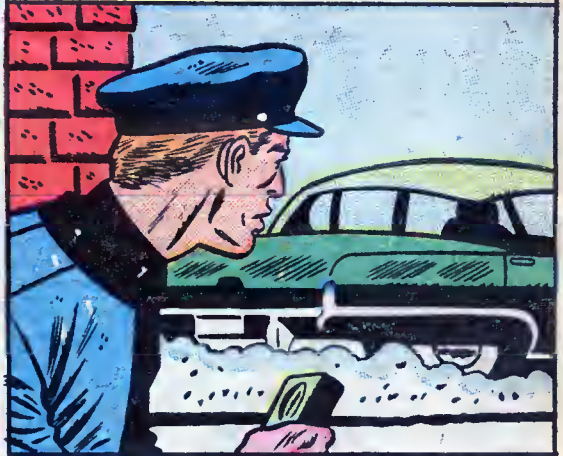
7. THE FINGERPRINT SYSTEM IS USED TODAY, MAINLY, BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING TWO PEOPLE WITH THE SAME PRINTS IS ESTIMATED TO BE 2 IN: (A) 64,000,000,000,000. (B) 5,000. (C) 32,000,000,000,000,000.



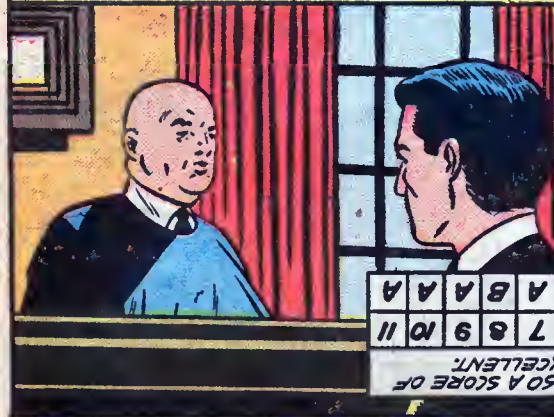
8. A PHOTOMICROGRAPH IS: (A) A POLICE PHOTOGRAPHER. (B) A PHOTO THAT HAS BEEN ACCURATELY ENLARGED. (C) A FILE THAT CONTAINS PHOTOGRAPHS OF WANTED CRIMINALS.



9. A POLICE MICROMETER IS USED: (A) TO MEASURE VERY SMALL DISTANCES. (B) TO DETECT DUST PARTICLES. (C) TO CHECK SPEEDING CARS.



10. WHEN A PERSON IS BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR A CRIME THAT IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, HE: (A) HAS TO HAVE A TRIAL, WHETHER HE WANTS ONE OR NOT. (B) CAN PLEAD GUILTY AND GET AN IMMEDIATE SENTENCE FROM THE JUDGE. (C) DOES NOT HAVE TO HAVE A TRIAL.



11. FINGERPRINTS ARE A PRIMARY MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION. THE SECONDARY SOURCE USED BY THE POLICE IS: (A) THE HUMAN EAR. (B) HUMAN HAIR. (C) TEETH STRUCTURE.



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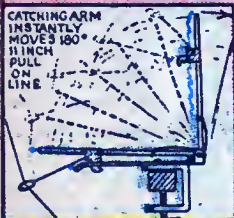
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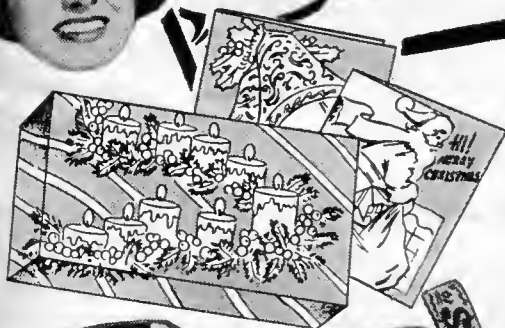


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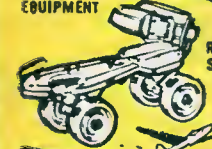
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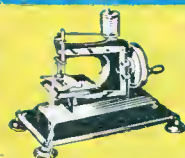
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Rush your name and address on coupon and we ship AT ONCE PREPAID your first set of 24 big size richly decorated Mottos ON 15 DAYS TRUST. When you have sold the 24 Mottos, send the \$8.40 you have collected and you can secure your choice of many wonderful prizes. Hurry, send TODAY for 24 Mottos ON TRUST and big PRIZE CATALOG FREE!

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